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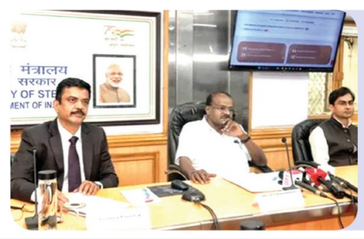

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SIR of electoral rolls begins in West Bengal

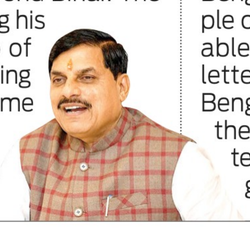
KOLKATA

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls began across West Bengal on Tuesday, with over 80,000 booth-level officers (BLOs) visiting homes to distribute enumeration forms, kicking off a politically sensitive exercise ahead of the 2026 assembly polls. More than 16 lakh enumeration forms were distributed by the BLOs till 4 pm, a senior official said. The month-long house-to-house enumeration process, which will continue till December 4, began on a largely peaceful note with BLOs delivering forms and explaining procedures to voters.

MP CM alleges his helipad dug up in Bihar, officials deny

PATNA

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Tuesday created a flutter by claiming that "opponents of the ruling NDA had dug up helipad and the road" leading to the venue of one of his rallies in poll-bound Bihar. The senior BJP leader made the remark during his public address and shared a video clip of the same on his X handle without specifying where the incident took place. "When I came here, I was told that our opponents, who are scared of the NDA's victory, had dug up the helipad and the road.



Tejaswi must become CM to bring change in Bihar: DCM

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar appealed to the people of Bihar to make Tejaswi Yadav the CM and bring change in Bihar. Speaking to reporters after the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025 here, he said, "The people of Bihar are seeking change. Tejaswi Yadav will be able to bring that change in Bihar." Asked about his letter seeking three-day holiday for Biharis living in Bengaluru to vote in Bihar election, he said, "Voting is the first right in a democracy and hence I have written to companies to grant leave so that they can go and vote."

Former US Vice President Dick Cheney dies at 84

WASHINGTON

Former US Vice President Dick Cheney, one of the most influential and polarizing figures in American politics, died on Monday at the age of 84. Cheney, who served under President George W. Bush from 2001 to 2009, was widely regarded as the chief architect of the Iraq War and a key force behind post-9/11 US foreign policy. A lifelong conservative, he later emerged as a vocal critic of Donald Trump, denouncing his influence on the Republican Party. Cheney is survived by his wife Lynne and daughters Liz and Mary.

Campaigning ends for first phase of Bihar assembly polls

NDA, INDIA bloc leaders made final appeals, stressing development & stability

PATNA

Campaigning for the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections concluded on Tuesday, setting the stage for voting on November 6 across 121 constituencies in 18 districts. A total of 1,314 candidates are in the fray for this phase. The remaining 122 constituencies will vote on November 11, and the results will be declared on November 14.

In a spirited final day, political heavyweights from both the NDA and the INDIA bloc

made their last appeals to voters. NDA leaders sought votes in the name of development and stability under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, while the INDIA bloc, led by RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, focused on job creation and welfare schemes.

Tejashwi announced key promises, including ₹30,000 transfers to women's accounts on Makar Sankranti, free electricity for irrigation, and reinstatement of the Old Pension Scheme. Political observers expect a close contest similar to the 2020 polls, where the NDA narrowly edged out the Opposition.

Prominent candidates in the first phase include Tejashwi Yadav (Raghopur), Tej Pratap Yadav (Mahua), Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary (Tarapur), and singer Maithili Thakur (Alinagar). Sixteen ministers from the Nitish Kumar government are contesting, with notable BJP names such as Vijay Kumar Sinha, Mangal Pandey, and Nitin Nabin, and JD(U)'s Vijay Kumar Choudhary and Maheshwar Hazari.

Security has been tightened across the state to ensure smooth polling on Thursday.

7 dead, 14 hurt as passenger and goods trains collide

BILASPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister Arun Sao stated that the goods train was stationary when a MEMU train rammed into it from behind.

At least seven people were killed and 14 others injured after a passenger train collided with a goods train near Bilaspur station in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday, officials said. The accident occurred around 4 pm when a MEMU passenger train from Gevra to Bilaspur rammed into a goods train between Gatora and Bilaspur stations.

Bilaspur Collector Sanjay Agrawal confirmed five deaths, adding that four passengers were still trapped in the wreckage. The injured were shifted to Apollo Hospital and CIMS Hospital in Bilaspur, with one reported to be in critical condition.

Railway authorities have deployed all resources for rescue and medical aid. Visuals showed a coach of the passenger train mounted onto a wagon of the goods train. Compensation of ₹10 lakh has been announced for the families of the deceased, ₹5 lakh for the seriously injured, and ₹1 lakh for those with minor injuries.

A detailed inquiry will be conducted by the Commissioner of Railway Safety to determine the cause and recommend corrective measures. Relief operations are underway, and helpline numbers have been issued for passengers and families.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai expressed grief and directed officials to ensure immediate assistance and medical care. He stated that railway and district teams were working on a war footing and that the state government was closely monitoring the situation. The CM conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and wished a speedy recovery for the injured.

Mamata, Abhishek lead rally in Kolkata against SIR

KOLKATA

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday led a massive protest rally in Kolkata against the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, which the ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) has branded as "silent invisible rigging" by the BJP-led Centre and the Election Commission of India.

Accompanied by her nephew and TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, the Chief Minister began the 3.8-kilometre rally from the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on Red Road. The march is scheduled to culminate at Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the ancestral residence of Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

Thousands of TMC supporters lined the route, waving party flags, shouting slogans, and carrying vibrant banners denouncing what they called the Centre's attempt to manipulate voter lists in West Bengal. Wearing her trademark white cotton saree and slippers, Banerjee walked at the front of the procession, occasionally pausing to greet residents watching from balconies and pavements. Abhishek Banerjee followed closely, waving to the crowds alongside senior TMC leaders and cabinet ministers.

The TMC has accused the Centre and the Election Commission of conducting the SIR exercise as a covert attempt to disenfranchise voters in the state. "This is BJP's endgame — to divide and deprive people of their democratic rights," the party had earlier said in a statement.

Pavithra Gowda seeks SC review in Renukaswamy murder case

BENGALURU

In the Chitradurga Renukaswamy murder case, accused Pavithra Gowda has approached the Supreme Court, filing a review petition against its earlier order that cancelled her bail. The apex court had previously overturned the Karnataka High Court's decision to grant her bail, prompting Gowda to seek a reconsideration. According to State government counsel Anil Nishani, speaking from Delhi, Gowda's review petition challenges the Supreme Court's earlier ruling.

BJP Oppn Leader Ashoka announced a weeklong campaign from Nov 6 to 15 against Cong over city's garbage, pothole, and governance issues

R. Ashoka launches weeklong campaign over garbage and pothole problems

BENGALURU

Opposition Leader R. Ashoka announced that BJP representatives will launch a weeklong campaign against the Congress government over Bengaluru's mounting garbage and pothole problems.

Addressing reporters after a meeting with MLAs and MPs, Ashok said the campaign, beginning November 6 and continuing till November 15, would include inspections and a signature drive in all assembly constituencies. "Due to the Congress government's misgovernance, Bengaluru has become a garbage city. Potholes and heaps of waste have turned roads unsafe. We will fight against the government that has betrayed the city," he said.

He said that public opinion will also be gathered on the A Khata and B Khata property issues.

Ashoka alleged that the government had devised these schemes to extract money from citizens under the pretext of development. "The government has no funds for Bengaluru's growth and is resorting to measures that overburden the public. People can't afford such heavy payments," he said. He accused the government of increasing property registration fees by 5% to earn commissions and imposing a garbage cess that adds to citizens' financial strain.

Hinduja Group chairman Gopichand P Hinduja dies at 85

LONDON

Gopichand Hinduja, Chairman of the Hinduja Group and one of the world's most influential businessmen, passed away in London at the age of 85. Popularly known as 'GP' in business circles, he was the second of the four Hinduja brothers. His elder brother, Srichand Hinduja, died in 2023, while Prakash and Ashok Hinduja continue to manage the family empire.

Joining the family business in 1950, Gopichand played a key role in transforming it from a small Indo-Middle East trading firm into a global conglomerate with operations spanning automotive, finance, IT, real estate, and media. The Hinduja Group owns iconic brands such as Ashok Leyland, IndusInd Bank, and NXTDIGITAL. In 2025, the Sunday Times Rich List named the Hinduja family the richest in the UK with a net worth of £32.3 billion.

SKILL CAPITAL

Karnataka launches Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025

BENGALURU

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated the Bengaluru Skill Summit 2025 on Tuesday, calling it a landmark event for the state's youth and future workforce. "The real wealth of a nation lies in the skills and capabilities of its people," he said, emphasizing the importance of preparing young Kannadigas for tomorrow's opportunities.

Highlighting Karnataka's demographic advantage, the Chief Minister noted that over 60% of the population is below 35, with nearly 1.2 crore young people expected to enter the workforce over the next decade. "If we equip this generation with the right skills and confidence, the possibilities are endless," he said.

Bengaluru, the state's innovation hub, was described as the perfect venue for this confluence of government, industry, and youth. "From the Garden City to the Startup Capital and now the Skill Capital, Bengaluru continues to lead the way," he added.

Siddaramaiah detailed the state's ongoing skill initiatives, including the Chief Minister Kaushalya Karnataka Yojana (CMKKY), ITI expansions, Yuva Yuga digital training, and the Karnataka Skill Development Policy 2025–32, backed by ₹4,432 crore. He shared ambitious targets: skilling 3 million youth by 2032, raising women's ITI enrolment to 33%, and strengthening global placement links.

The summit, themed "Workforce 2030: Scale, Systems, Synergy," will showcase innovation-driven sectors like AI, aerospace, green energy, and inclusive employment strategies. Initiatives like the Karnataka Skill Olympics and "My Profession, My Choice" aim to benchmark talent and build career awareness among students.

Siddaramaiah highlighted Karnataka's strong economic fundamentals, with a GSDP of ₹28.1 lakh crore, per capita income nearly 90% above the national average, and a labour force participation rate of 57%. He praised skilled workers across industries—from artisans in Mysuru to tech students in Hubballi—for driving the state's progress. Concluding, the Chief Minister said, "Every head must think, every heart must care, and every hand must build. This summit is a new beginning to make Karnataka the Skill Capital of India and a USD 1 trillion economy by 2032."

Mallya moves HC, urges banks to stop interest on recovered amounts

BENGALURU

Fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya has approached the Karnataka High Court seeking directions to banks to stop charging interest on amounts already recovered from him and Kingfisher Airlines.

Mallya, in his petition, urged the court to direct banks to furnish details of the assets used for recoveries and those still available under the amended recovery certificate issued by the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) in April 2017. He claimed that recovery proceedings continued despite banks already realising the full amount. Senior Advocate Sajan Poovayya, appearing for Mallya, argued that recoveries had exceeded dues, citing Enforcement Directorate and Finance Ministry data showing over ₹14,000 crore in assets restored to banks. However, Senior Advocate Vikram Huilgol, representing the banks, said all recoveries remained provisional until Mallya submitted to the court's jurisdiction. Justice Lalitha Kanneganti adjourned the case to November 12 for further hearing.

QUICK READ

Seven Arrested for Creating Ruckus after Consuming Ganja

Bengaluru

Police arrested seven men for allegedly consuming ganja and creating a nuisance in Thammarasanahalli village near Soladevanahalli on the city's outskirts. The accused, identified as Dil Shah, Abhijith, and five others, were reportedly harassing members of the public under the influence of the drug. Following complaints from locals, police conducted a raid and detained the group. A case has been registered at the Soladevanahalli Police Station, and further investigation is underway to determine the source of the ganja.

Farmer Seriously Injured After Bee Attack in Nelamangala

Bengaluru

A 52-year-old farmer, Siddaiah, was seriously injured after being attacked by a swarm of bees while cutting fodder for his cattle at Thimmasandra village in Nelamangala taluk. The incident occurred when bees from a hive on a nearby banyan tree suddenly attacked him. Villagers rushed to his aid and took him to the Nelamangala General Hospital, where he is currently undergoing treatment. The unexpected attack caused panic in the area, with locals urging authorities to safely remove the hive.

Dancer Killed After Canter Hits Parked Car in Nelamangala

Bengaluru

A 32-year-old dancer, Sudhindra, died on the spot after a canter rammed into his parked car near Pemmanahalli in Nelamangala taluk on Tuesday. Sudhindra, a resident of Thyamagondlu, had bought a new Maruti Suzuki Eeco on Monday. The next day, when the car broke down on the road, he stepped out to inspect it when a speeding canter hit him. Known for his performances in reality shows like Sai Dance Show, Sudhindra also ran dance classes in Dabaspet. Dabaspet Police have registered a case.

Three B'luru Railway Stations Set for Major Makeover

New modular holding areas to accommodate 7,000 passengers and ease congestion

BENGALURU

Three major railway stations in Bengaluru—KSR (Majestic), SMVT (Byappanahalli), and KR Pura—are set to undergo a major transformation to handle the city's rapidly growing passenger traffic. Each station will soon feature new modular passenger holding areas capable of accommodating up to 7,000 passengers by next year. A similar revamp is also planned for Mysuru railway station as part of a nationwide upgradation project covering 76 stations.

According to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, these structures will be designed keeping in mind local climatic and spatial conditions. The South Western Railway (SWR) said the new holding areas draw inspiration from the Yatri Suvidha Kendra at New Delhi Railway Station, which effectively managed large crowds during Diwali and Chhath festivals.

Each holding area will feature three zones to streamline passenger movement and improve comfort. The facilities will include toilets, ticket counters, automatic ticket vending machines, and free RO drinking water systems. SWR's Chief Public Relations Officer, Manjunath Kanamadi, explained that these areas will function similarly to airport concourses, helping decongest platforms and regulate queues during peak hours.

"Unlike regular concourses, only passengers with valid tickets will be allowed entry. Many passengers arrive well before their train time and occupy the platforms. These new facilities will ensure smooth train operations and provide comfort to waiting passengers," an SWR official said.

Space Constraints Pose Challenge

Officials admit that stations like Yeshwanthpur and KSR Bengaluru lack adequate space for developing large holding areas. The SWR is currently identifying available land and exploring vertical and modular designs to meet the Railway Ministry's deadline. Despite challenges, authorities are confident of completing the project within the stipulated timeframe.

The railway board believes this initiative will not only enhance passenger convenience but also improve safety and operational efficiency at some of the busiest stations in southern India.

Citizens Urge Govt to Fix Pavements, Ensure Pedestrian Safety

Residents demand swift action after Supreme Court directive prioritising pedestrian rights and safety

BENGALURU

Following the Supreme Court's recent directive to all state governments to prioritise pedestrian safety and rights, citizens in Bengaluru are demanding immediate action from the Siddaramaiah government to restore and reclaim the city's footpaths. In most market areas, footpaths remain encroached by street vendors and shops, leaving pedestrians to walk dangerously on busy roads.

Residents across the city describe walking in Bengaluru as a daily gamble with death. "Anyone can fall because the slabs on the footpaths are missing. We are scared to take our children out," said K. Yogitha, a commuter from Jalahalli. Even pavements built under the TenderSURE model, once touted as pedestrian-friendly, are now in disrepair.

The Supreme Court's 88-page judgment, delivered by Justices J.B. Pardiwala and K.V. Viswanathan on October 7, affirmed that the right to walk on safe and unobstructed footpaths is part of the fundamental right to life under Article 21. The ruling stemmed from a 2012 PIL filed by road safety advocate S. Rajaseekaran. The court directed all states and the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to audit pedestrian infrastructure in 50 major cities and frame uniform rules under Sections 138(1A) and 210D of the Motor Vehicles Act within six months. It also stated that officials can now be held personally liable under Section 198A for pedestrian deaths resulting from design or maintenance lapses.

For Bengaluru—which recorded 233 pedestrian deaths in 2024—the judgment has become a wake-up call. Civic activists say it's time to transform neglected pavements into safe, accessible spaces for all. "The state government should start work immediately," urged a city-based road safety group.

Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025 to Spotlight AI, Deep Tech, and Future Startups

BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025, scheduled to be held from November 18 to 20, will showcase India's innovation edge with a special focus on AI, deep tech, and future startups. The highlight this year will be the Future Makers Conclave, positioned as a global platform for emerging entrepreneurs and innovators.

Addressing reporters at Vidhana Soudha, IT and BT Minister Priyank Kharge announced that the 28th edition of the summit will take place at the International Exhibition Centre near Tumakuru Road. He said the Future Makers Conclave, set for November 20, will bring together 10,000 entrepreneurs, founders, and investors to discuss emerging technologies and global opportunities for Indian startups.

"The conclave will accelerate innovation and help our startups explore international markets," Kharge said. "It will act as a confluence where ideas, capital, and technology meet. While the central government conducts events like Kumbh Mela, we aim to do this on a larger scale for innovators," he added.

The minister revealed that this year's summit will also launch a 'Deep Tech Decade' initiative, a long-term programme designed to foster research and innovation in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and advanced productivity technologies. "We are setting aside ₹600 crore to create an ecosystem that supports deep tech innovation over the next 10 years," Kharge said.

He added that AI-driven innovation, startup acceleration, and cross-border collaboration would be key themes of the summit. The event is expected to attract global investors, tech leaders, and policy experts, reinforcing Bengaluru's status as India's technology capital.

The Bengaluru Tech Summit, now in its 28th year, continues to be a flagship platform that showcases India's technological leadership and connects global innovators with India's thriving startup ecosystem.

U.S Startup Founder Sweeps Streets to Highlight Civic Woes

BENGALURU

In a unique act of civic awareness, Tony Clore, an American entrepreneur who runs a startup in Bengaluru, dressed up as a GBA civic worker and swept the city's streets to draw attention to the poor condition of roads, sidewalks, and garbage management. A short video of Clore holding a broom and cleaning the streets has gone viral, viewed by millions online. The video, laced with sarcasm, claims that "if you walk one kilometre on the city's sidewalks, you become eligible for a government pension."

Netizens have praised his effort and urged the municipality to fix Bengaluru's roads.

"I joined the BBMP service squad today — not because they hired me, but because I hired myself," Clore said humorously. "Bengaluru isn't dirty; it just feels like it's forever under construction.

Civic Projects Delayed: Tushar Girinath Reviews Progress with 5 Commissioners

BENGALURU

Several civic development projects in Bengaluru have been delayed as staff from the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) are currently deployed for the socio-economic and caste survey. To address the slowdown, Additional Chief Secretary of the Urban Development Department (UDD) Tushar Girinath convened a meeting with Commissioners of all five municipal corporations on Tuesday.

Girinath clarified that no regular review meetings were held in October since most civic personnel were engaged in the ongoing survey work. The meeting assessed project progress, identified bottlenecks, and discussed coordination efforts under the GBA framework.

Officials were also briefed on urban mobility plans and future city initiatives, as a delegation from Delhi is expected to visit Bengaluru to study its infrastructure model. "The upcoming Delhi conference isn't about funding demands but discussions on public transport, regional rapid transit, and urban clusters," Girinath noted.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's directive to fill all city potholes by October 31 remains unmet. Corporation officials attributed the delay to staff shortages caused by the survey and frequent rains disrupting roadwork.

Sources said Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D.K. Shivakumar is personally monitoring city infrastructure works — including pothole repairs, construction delays, and public complaints — on a daily basis to ensure swift progress once staff return from survey duties.

Serial Actress Harassed Online; Private Firm Employee Arrested

BENGALURU

A 41-year-old private company employee has been arrested by the Annapoorneshwari Nagar police for allegedly sexually harassing a television actress by sending her obscene messages and videos on social media.

The accused, identified as Naveen, works as a delivery manager at a private firm. Police said that he had been repeatedly sending obscene content to a Kannada and Telugu serial actress for over three months.

According to the complaint, Naveen had sent a Facebook friend request to the actress, which she declined. Following that, he began sending obscene messages and photos through Messenger. Despite multiple warnings from the complainant, the harassment continued.

When the actress blocked his profile, the accused allegedly created multiple fake accounts and continued sending obscene videos and messages. On November 1, the actress met the accused at a private hotel in Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage to warn him, but his behaviour did not stop, prompting her to approach the police.

Engineers Set Weekly Target to Clear Unauthorized Buildings Across Bengaluru East

BENGALURU

The drive to demolish unauthorized buildings is set to resume in full swing across the city, with the Bengaluru East Municipal Corporation taking the lead. Engineers from the East division have been assigned a strict target of removing eight unauthorized structures per week, as part of an intensified campaign following the formation of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA).

Additional Commissioner Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar chaired a coordination meeting with officials and instructed them to accelerate the clearance drive. The operation will cover eight divisions, 24 sub-divisions, and 50 wards under the East Corporation's jurisdiction. Each division has been tasked with clearing one illegal structure per week, ensuring strict enforcement of building regulations. Officials, including Executive, Assistant Executive, and Assistant Engineers, have been directed to compile complete details of construction activities in their respective zones within a week. The move is aimed at identifying violations and restoring order in rapidly expanding urban pockets where illegal constructions have proliferated.

"The engineers have been instructed to act strictly as per the rules," Sudhakar emphasized, adding that continuous monitoring and accountability will be ensured throughout the campaign. The clearance drive, initially limited to the eastern zones, is expected to extend to all municipal corporations across Bengaluru, marking one of the largest coordinated efforts to curb unauthorized development in recent years.

Residents and civic groups have welcomed the move but also urged the authorities to ensure transparency and consistency in the demolition process to avoid allegations of selective enforcement. The success of this initiative, officials said, will depend on sustained coordination between engineering teams, local enforcement officers, and GBA authorities.

Scheduled Tribes Are Just a Vote Bank for Congress, Says Vijayendra

BENGALURU

State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra on Tuesday accused the Congress party of treating the Scheduled Tribes (STs) merely as a vote bank since India's independence. Speaking at the BJP's ST Morcha meeting held at the party's state headquarters, Vijayendra said the Congress had failed to empower tribal communities either socially or economically. In contrast, he credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for implementing various schemes to uplift the community and recognise tribal culture. He highlighted Modi's decision to declare November 15, the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda, as Janajatiya Gaurav Diwas (Tribal Pride Day), calling it a historic step towards honouring the contributions of tribals.

ICE CREAM SHOP FINED ₹25,000 FOR DUMPING WASTE ON ROAD

BENGALURU

The Bangalore Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has imposed a fine of ₹25,000 on a well-known ice cream shop in Rajajinagar for dumping waste on the roadside.

During an inspection, BSWML officers and marshals found employees of Shantala Ice Cream Shop throwing garbage on the road. Following this, BSWML Managing Director Kari Gowda directed officials to penalize the establishment immediately.

Marshals reportedly warned the shop owner to pay the fine within five minutes, or the amount would be doubled. The owner later admitted the mistake and paid the penalty on the spot.

"This should serve as a lesson. We are taking strict measures to tackle Bengaluru's growing waste problem," said Kari Gowda, emphasizing that commercial establishments must follow proper waste disposal rules to maintain city cleanliness.

RESOLVING FARMERS' PROBLEMS

Fix Sugarcane Price to End Farmer Protests: HM

BENGALURU

Home Minister Dr G. Parameshwara on Tuesday assured that the state government has directed officials to fix the sugarcane price at the earliest to address the ongoing farmers' agitation in Belagavi.

Speaking to reporters, Parameshwara said he had held detailed discussions with Agriculture Minister Shivanand Patil regarding the protests and stressed that the price issue must be resolved quickly to prevent the situation from escalating. "If the matter is not addressed immediately, it will become difficult for the police to handle the crowd," he cautioned.

The minister said Satish Jarkiholi and other ministers from the region had promised to mediate and resolve the matter. Referring to Monday's disturbing incident where a farmer attempted suicide during the protest, he said police had intervened in time to save the individual. "Such incidents should never happen again," he added.

Taking a dig at the opposition, Parameshwara accused the BJP of politicising the farmers' protest. "The BJP has supported the protest for its political benefit. They are blaming the government for internal issues, but they should recall what happened when they were in power," he remarked.

On the issue of the cabinet reshuffle, the Home Minister clarified that the decision rests entirely with the Congress high command. "We all respect and follow the high command's decisions. Action will be taken against those who defy them," he said, echoing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's stance.

Commenting on the recent assault on a domestic worker in Varthur, Parameshwara said he had sought a detailed report from the Police Commissioner. "Once the report is received, we will review it and take appropriate action against the concerned police personnel if necessary," he assured.

QUICK READ

Computer-Based Education is Key: Dr. A.P. Bhat

Bengaluru

In today's competitive era, computer-based education is essential, especially practical learning in science and commerce, said Dr. A.P. Bhat, Secretary of USAMEC. He was speaking after inaugurating the Virtual Lab online platform at Vidya Poornaprag-ya Pre-University College, Nagasandra. Dr. Bhat said that the platform will help science students prepare for CET and NEET, while commerce students can train for IBPS banking exams. "This Virtual Lab will enable students to progress intellectually and technically, preparing them for real-world challenges," he added. The event was attended by Secretary Gopalasabaraya, Principal M.S. Umesh Kumar, Academic Director Praveen Kumar, lecturers, and students.

Two Get Life Imprisonment in 2018 Murder Case

Bengaluru

A city court has sentenced two accused to rigorous life imprisonment in connection with a 2018 murder case registered at the MICO Layout Police Station. The case, filed on June 26, 2018, was investigated by Police Inspector R.M. Ajay, who identified the accused, gathered evidence, and submitted a detailed charge sheet to the Additional City Civil and Sessions Court (CCH-59). Public Prosecutor Mahalingappa effectively argued the case for the prosecution. On October 27, the court pronounced its verdict, awarding life imprisonment to both accused and imposing a fine of ₹10,000 each.

Executive Engineer's Office Relocated to HRBR Layout

Bengaluru

The office of the Executive Engineer, Bangalore North Municipal Corporation (Sarvajnanagar Division), previously located on the 7th Floor of the PU Building, MG Road, has been relocated to the BDA Building, 9th 'C' Cross Road, HRBR Layout 1st Block, Banaswadi, in the public interest. The Executive Engineer has requested the public's cooperation during this transition and advised citizens to visit the new office for all official work and correspondence related to the Sarvajnanagar Division.

Tejasvi Flags Major Anomaly in Metro Fare Calculation

Prices of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai & Nagpur Metro nearly half for same distance

BENGALURU

Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya has raised serious concerns over an alleged anomaly in the fare calculation process of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), calling the recent fare hike "unjustified and erroneous."

During a review meeting held on Tuesday, Surya pointed out a major error in the computation of maintenance and administrative (M&A) costs, which form the base for fare fixation. He said that instead of using 2017–18 as the base year, BMRCL mistakenly used 2016–17 data, inflating the overall cost.

"This wrong calculation has burdened commuters with an estimated Rs 150 crore in excess fare collections since the revision," Surya alleged. He added that although the average fare increase was 51.5%, the most common journeys in the 8–15 km slab saw an unjustified hike of up to 70%.

Comparatively, similar travel distances in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, and Nagpur Metro networks cost almost half the price of Namma Metro tickets, he pointed out.

The MP has demanded that BMRCL immediately correct the anomaly, issue clarifications on how the error occurred, and take measures to prevent such discrepancies in the future.

BMRCL officials reportedly assured Surya that a formal response on the issue will be shared soon. Surya emphasized that public transport must remain affordable, transparent, and accountable, adding that such lapses damage public confidence in the city's mobility infrastructure.

BMRCL officials, responding to the concerns, said they will review the Fare Fixation Committee's methodology and submit a detailed report. Sources within the corporation indicated that a technical audit of fare computation is being considered to ensure accuracy and fairness in future revisions.

Shivaraj Kumar Launches Cancer Treatment Unit

BENGALURU

In a significant step toward strengthening cancer care in South India, the Sparsh Hospital Group inaugurated the Sparsh Institute of Cancer Care (Cancer Treatment Unit) at its Hennur branch, launched by Kannada film icon Dr. Shivaraj Kumar on Tuesday.

The new facility marks a major milestone in Sparsh Hospital's journey to provide advanced, multidisciplinary, and compassionate cancer treatment. Equipped with cutting-edge technology and a team of expert oncologists, the unit aims to offer comprehensive care — from diagnosis to rehabilitation — under one roof.

Speaking at the launch, Dr. Shivaraj Kumar lauded the initiative, saying, "It is commendable that Sparsh Hospital has opened a dedicated cancer treatment unit. In today's time, when cancer cases are increasing, such institutions are a great necessity."

Dr. Sharan Shivaraj Patil, Chairman of Sparsh Group of Hospitals, said, "We are proud to have added a cancer center to the Sparsh network. When we saw our father, Justice Shivraj V. Patil, battle cancer, we resolved to establish a hospital that provides holistic and humane cancer care. That vision has now become a reality."

He emphasized that people battling cancer often face complications from other diseases. "Our multidisciplinary team will ensure world-class care not only for cancer but also for related health issues," he said.

The launch event was attended by actress Prema, former Supreme Court Justice Shivraj V. Patil, Dr. Shekhar Patil, Head of Oncology at Sparsh, and senior medical experts from across departments. Cancer survivors and hospital staff also participated, marking the inauguration with emotional and hopeful moments.

Launch of Young Leaders for Social Change Program in Bengaluru

BENGALURU

The Young Leaders For Social Change Program saw its Bengaluru launch at Conrad. The program was launched by Democratic Sangha Founder and Co Founder– social activist Chatanya MRSK and actress Regena Cassandra; social entrepreneur - Deepa Rao Acharya; Swiss Consul General to South India and CEO, Swissnex for India – Dr Angela Honegger; and former Member of Parliament - Prof. Rajeev Gowda.

A thought provoking and inspiring panel discussion between the key people followed, moderated by the event curator and host Deepa Rao Acharya - on the theme of purpose, passion and the power of the youth to transform the world. A flagship initiative by Hyderabad based Democratic Sangha, a non-profit social reform organization, the Young Leaders for Social Change is a leadership program designed for high school students with the goal of inspiring and empowering them to become change makers and leaders who accelerate social change in their communities and beyond.

The program provides a comprehensive curriculum in leadership development, training, networking, and support to acquire real-world skills and knowledge to make a global impact. The core of the program consists of four lectures delivered by eminent speakers, and global thought leaders. Topics covered include democracy, human rights, environment and climate change, leadership, social entrepreneurship and global economics and development.

Chatanya MRSK, Founder, Democratic Sangha: "The Young Leaders for Social Change program is our effort to nurture socially conscious young minds who believe that change begins with them. We want to equip students not just with leadership skills, but with the empathy, awareness, and courage needed to shape a more equitable and sustainable future

Deepa Rao Acharya, social entrepreneur and mentor for the Bengaluru batch of YLSC students who also curated and hosted the meaningful launch event said - "I'm honoured to be partnering with Democratic Sangha on this powerful initiative that harnesses the power and potential of our students. India has the largest youth population in the world and they are poised to usher in transformative societal changes. This Program provides a foundation and platform, empowering them to translate their ideas into meaningful action."

Dr. Angela Honegger, Swiss Consul General to South India and CEO, Swissnex for India: "Empowering young people to take ownership of social change is key to building resilient and inclusive societies. Initiatives like this help students connect their passion with purpose."

Attended by Namma Oorus literati, glitterati, thought leaders, doyens of education, changemakers and policy makers - the venue lit up with the power and energy of prominent Bengalureans.

Condolences to MLA HY Meti's Family, Book Launch Postponed: DCM

BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Tuesday expressed deep sorrow over the demise of former minister and Congress MLA HY Meti, announcing that the scheduled release of his book 'Neerina Hejje' has been postponed. Speaking to reporters at his Sadashivanagar residence, Shivakumar said, "HY Meti's health had been unstable for some time. I am deeply saddened by his passing. My heartfelt condolences to his family."

He added that the release of 'Neerina Hejje', which was to take place on Tuesday, has been deferred as a mark of respect. "We will finalise another date after consulting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah," he said.

Remembering the late leader, Shivakumar said, "Meti was close to me. He came to the Congress along with Siddaramaiah and served the party with commitment as both MLA and minister. He was currently serving as president of the Bagalkot Town Development Authority. May God grant strength to his family to bear this loss."

Fraudulent Gold Loan Scheme Exposed

BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) of Bengaluru Police has busted a gold loan scam and arrested two jewellers who cheated several customers by offering so-called "0% interest" gold loans, officials said on Tuesday.

The arrested suspects, Salaam and Ajith, ran a jewellery shop in Vidyaranyapura and lured customers through advertisements claiming to provide interest-free gold loans. Believing the false promise, many people pledged their jewellery with them.

However, instead of disbursing the full value of the pledged gold, the duo gave only 50–60% of its actual worth and instructed customers not to redeem their ornaments for 11 months. During this period, they illegally sold the pledged gold to another jewellery shop in HRBR Layout, making a profit of 40–50%.

According to police, the accused misappropriated nearly 4 kg of gold under this fraudulent scheme and later shut down their shop, absconding with the proceeds.

Devpt Work Launched in Hemmigepura

BENGALURU

MLA S.T. Somashekar said that quality will be given top priority in all road development and asphalting works in the constituency. Speaking after launching the asphalting work of Century Apartment and LIC Layout roads in Hemmigepura ward of Yeshwantpur Assembly constituency, he said the initiative follows repeated public requests, as the roads had been badly damaged by rains, causing inconvenience to residents and commuters.

He warned contractors to ensure high-quality work, stating that strict action would be taken against those found responsible for substandard work. Former Zilla Panchayat member Shivamadaiah, Kengeri Block Congress President Mailasandra Nagaraj, Youth Congress President M. Arun Kumar, former Block Congress President Amruth Gowda, Manjunath, and several others were present on the occasion.

Ramesh Gowda Urges Large-Scale Teacher Registration for Legislative Council Polls

BENGALURU

JD(S) Bengaluru city unit president HM Ramesh Gowda on Tuesday chaired a key meeting ahead of the upcoming Legislative Council elections for the graduates' and teachers' constituencies.

The meeting, held at the JD(S) state office JP Bhavan, was attended by senior party leaders, office bearers, and activists to discuss election strategies for the Bangalore teachers' constituency.

Ramesh Gowda emphasised that the Upper House elections are scheduled for next year and urged party workers to work in coordination to register teachers on a large scale. "The NDA alliance

should win all seats in the upcoming Legislative Council elections," he said, calling for grassroots mobilisation.

He accused the Congress-led state government of failing to address teachers' grievances, curb unemployment, and effectively implement the Yuva Nidhi scheme. "The government has failed to provide jobs to unemployed graduates or resolve teachers' long-pending demands," he said.

Gowda urged leaders to remind teachers of the contributions made by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, and other JD(S) stalwarts toward education and employment reforms.

JD(S) Legislative Party Leader SL Bhojegowda, MLAs Javarai Gowda and T.A. Saravana, former MLAs K.A. Thippeswamy, Chowda Reddy Thoopalli, and Women's Wing president Shaila Santoji Rao were among those present.

EMPOWERING SHGS

Walmart Vriddhi to Empower K'taka's SHGs & MSMEs

BENGALURU

In a major boost to women-led Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Karnataka, the National Livelihood Mission (NLM) under the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood has entered into a strategic partnership with Walmart Vriddhi to enhance their digital and entrepreneurial capabilities.

Under this three-year collaboration, Walmart Vriddhi, through its implementation partner Ideas to Impact Foundation (i2i), will provide free digital learning modules, business mentorship, and e-commerce tools to SHGs. The initiative aims to help women entrepreneurs modernize operations, adopt e-commerce platforms, and expand market access through Flipkart and Walmart Marketplace.

Across Karnataka, thousands of SHGs produce a range of locally made daily-use products. However, their sales have largely been restricted to occasional fairs organized by government departments. With the Walmart Vriddhi partnership, these groups will now be trained in digital literacy, online marketing, packaging, and supply chain management — key skills for scaling in today's market. The MoU was signed on Tuesday in Bengaluru between NLM Director R. Snehal and Parul Soni, Trustee, i2i Foundation, in the presence of Skill Development and Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharanaprakash R. Patil and Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh.

Dr. Patil said the initiative could transform Karnataka's SHG ecosystem. "This partnership will empower women entrepreneurs to expand their reach and earn fair value for their work. Walmart Vriddhi's expertise in digital and business training will help SHGs build sustainable livelihoods," he said.

Chief Secretary Dr. Shalini Rajneesh noted that the collaboration would give global visibility to Karnataka's SHG products. "Our local talent needed global exposure. Walmart Vriddhi brings that bridge," she remarked.

To further promote SHG-made products, the Karnataka government plans to set up an exclusive SHG Product Centre at Kempegowda International Airport, offering a permanent retail platform to reach both domestic and international travellers.

Walmart Senior Vice President Jason Fremstad said the initiative will help SHGs strengthen competitiveness and turn local enterprises into global success stories.

POLICE LAUNCH HUNT FOR CYBER CONMAN

BENGALURU

The Tilak Nagar police have formed a special team to trace a cyber fraudster who created a fake Facebook account impersonating police inspector K. Vishwanath and duped one of his friends of ₹20,000. Inspector Vishwanath, who is also investigating the case, said the accused, believed to be from Rajasthan, is being tracked using technical inputs. "A special team has been formed to nab the suspect. Once his location is confirmed, a police team will head there to detain him," he said.

The fraud came to light when one of Vishwanath's friends, who had already transferred ₹20,000, was about to send another ₹80,000. "Before transferring the second amount, my friend called to confirm. The person on the call spoke in Hindi, which raised suspicion. My friend then contacted me directly and realized it was a scam," the officer explained.

Following the incident, Vishwanath issued a public alert through his official Facebook account, warning people not to engage with the fake profile or transfer any money. According to police, the fraudulent account — named 'Vishwanath PSI' — was created on October 29. The impersonator posted that an Assistant Commandant with the CRPF, allegedly a close friend, was being transferred and wanted to sell household furniture at low prices.

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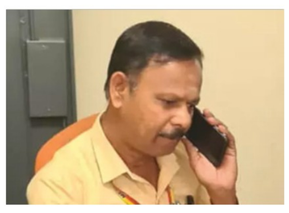

MESCOM junior engineer caught taking ₹40,000 bribe

Chikkamagaluru
The Lokayukta police arrested MESCOM Junior Engineer Mallikarjun Swamy while he was allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹40,000 from a contractor. The bribe was reportedly demanded in connection with official work. Acting on a complaint, a team led by Lokayukta DySP Thirumalesh, along with Inspectors Mallikarjun and Balu H.N., conducted a successful operation and caught the engineer red-handed. The Lokayukta officials have registered a case and initiated further investigation into the incident.

Alcoholics Anonymous 3rd national conference from Nov 7–9

Mangaluru
The 3rd National Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) will be held at St. Sebastian Hall, Bendore, from November 7 to 9, said Rohan, representing the organization. Addressing a press meet on Tuesday, he informed that the inaugural session will take place at 5:45 p.m. on November 7, attended by Mangalore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.L. Dharma, Bendore Church Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Walter D'Souza, and ADGP Arun Chakravarthy, Chairman of AA's General Service Board. Participation is free and confidentiality will be maintained. Founded in 1935 in Akron, USA, AA marks its 90th year. It began operations in India in 1957 and in Mangaluru in 1996. About 40–50 groups meet daily in the city to share experiences and support alcohol recovery.

Wife dies of heart attack after hearing husband's death

Bagalkot
In a tragic incident at Bilagi town in Bagalkot district, a woman died of a heart attack soon after learning about her husband's death. The deceased have been identified as Shashidhar Patthar (40) and his wife Saroja (35). Shashidhar, who had low blood pressure, suffered a heart attack while being taken to the hospital and passed away. Upon receiving the devastating news, his wife Saroja collapsed at home due to a heart attack and died on the spot. The double tragedy has left the local community in deep shock and mourning.

HC reserves verdict on appeal over ban on public gatherings

The Karnataka High Court has reserved its verdict on the State government's appeal challenging a stay on its order restricting public gatherings

BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on the State government's appeal challenging a single judge's interim order that stayed the Home Department's Government Order (GO) restricting gatherings of more than ten people for peaceful civic, social, or cultural activities in public places.

On October 28, the single judge had remarked that the GO appeared to prima facie violate citizens' fundamental rights under the Constitution. The order had prohibited any rally or procession involving the use of government property, including roads, parks, playgrounds, and water bodies, if more than ten people assembled—treating it as an unlawful gathering.

Appearing before a division bench of Justices S.G. Pandit and Geetha K.B., Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty argued that the GO did not prohibit assemblies but sought to ensure that large gatherings obtained prior permission to prevent misuse of government property.

He said the directive was aimed at maintaining public order and protecting state assets, not restricting democratic freedoms.

Senior advocate Ashok Haranhalli, appearing for the petitioner, countered that the GO was arbitrary and violated Article 19(b) of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to peaceful assembly. He said only an Executive Magistrate could regulate gatherings in the event of a law-and-order concern. Haranhalli further noted that the State had no authority to control spaces under municipal bodies. After extensive arguments, the division bench reserved its verdict, while the case before the single judge will next be heard on November 17.

National Lok Adalat to be held on Dec 13: District judge

CHITRADURGA

Chitradurga District and Sessions Judge Rona Vasudeva urged litigants to utilize National Lok Adalat for amicable settlements. He also highlighted the efforts being made to reduce the court's case backlog despite a shortage of judicial staff.

The upcoming National Lok Adalat will be held on December 13, providing an opportunity for litigants to resolve their disputes amicably through mutual settlement, announced Principal District and Sessions Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Chairman Rona Vasudeva.

Addressing a press conference at the District Mediation Centre on Tuesday, he stated that the Lok Adalat aims to promote quick and peaceful settlement of pending and pre-litigation cases. During the previous Lok Adalat held on July 12, a total of 2,848 pending cases and 94,782 pre-litigation cases were successfully resolved. Notably, three couples who had filed for divorce were reconciled.

At present, 49,017 cases are pending across district and taluk courts, of which 3,137 have been shortlisted for resolution in the upcoming Lok Adalat. These include 402 of 5,566 cheque bounce cases, 37 of 227 criminal compoundable cases, 353 of 4,279 property disputes, 92 of 389 motor vehicle accident cases, 64 of 836 specific relief cases, one of 112 mining-related cases, and 60 of 877 matrimonial cases.

Between July 1 and November 14, a total of 71 cases were resolved under the Special Mediation Campaign conducted over a 90-day period. Out of 1,545 ongoing court cases identified for mediation, 30 cheque bounce cases, 6 motor vehicle cases, 5 family disputes, 16 property division cases, and 14 civil suits have already been settled. The campaign will continue for another 10 days, and District Judge Rona Vasudeva expressed confidence that many more cases will be resolved during this period.

He noted that the Supreme Court recommends 50 judges for every 10 lakh people. However, the actual number of judges is far lower, resulting in heavy workloads. With Chitradurga district's population estimated at 15 lakh, there should ideally be 75 judges, but currently only 22 are serving. Each judge is handling nearly three times the normal workload, yet efforts are being made to deliver justice swiftly, he said.

Man held for defacing Ambedkar flex, vandalising Buddha idol

CHAMARAJANAGAR

A man has been arrested in connection with the vandalism of a flex banner featuring Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's image and the destruction of a Buddha statue at Jyotigowdanapura village in Chamarajanagar taluk. District Superintendent of Police Dr. Kavita announced the arrest during a press briefing held at the Chamarajanagar SP office on Tuesday.

According to Dr. Kavita, the accused, identified as Manjunath alias Pendal, had previously been involved in a village dispute two months ago. He reportedly assaulted a woman from a Scheduled Caste community while under the influence of alcohol. Following a village panchayat inquiry, he was fined ₹60,000. Angered by this punishment, Manjunath allegedly consumed alcohol again on the night of October 23 and damaged a flex board bearing Dr. Ambedkar's portrait and vandalized a Buddha idol located inside the village Buddha Vihara.

Police investigations confirmed his involvement in the act. The accused was taken into custody and questioned before being formally arrested.

Dr. Kavita stated that a charge sheet is being prepared against Manjunath, and he will soon be produced before the court. She further mentioned that such acts of disrespect towards revered leaders and religious figures would be treated with utmost seriousness, and strict legal action would follow to prevent similar incidents in the future.

MLA Belur says he's ready to visit Delhi for Ministerial post

SAGAR

Karnataka Forest Industries Corporation Chairman and MLA Gopalakrishna Belur has said that he is confident of being appointed as a minister and is ready to visit Delhi to meet senior leaders if necessary. Speaking to reporters at the Sub-Divisional Office premises on Tuesday, he stated that as a three-time MLA and a senior leader from a backward community, he believes he deserves a ministerial berth.

"I have already met senior leaders in Delhi and requested them to consider my inclusion in the Cabinet. I have also discussed the matter with the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers. There's no hesitation in asking for my rightful position," he said.

Gopalakrishna emphasized that the party high command's decision is final in all matters, including changes in the Chief Minister or ministers. "The national leadership makes the decisions, and we are bound by them. Everyone wishes for the government to complete its five-year term smoothly," he added.

Second phase of "Hridaya Vaishalya Yojana" launched

MANDYA

In a significant step towards improving cardiac healthcare in rural areas, the Mandya District Administration has launched the second phase of the ambitious "Hridaya Vaishalya Yojana." The initiative aims to make early diagnosis of heart-related ailments accessible to people in remote areas.

District Commissioner Dr. Kumar, who conceptualized the project in 2023, recognized that rural communities often neglect heart health and seek medical help only in emergencies. To bridge this healthcare gap, the district administration, in collaboration with the CAD organization, equipped primary health centres (PHCs) with ECG (Electrocardiogram) machines for early detection of cardiac issues.

During the first phase, ECG machines were distributed to 35 PHCs across Mandya, enabling timely diagnosis and treatment. Over the past 18 months, more than 25,000 patients have benefitted from the initiative, receiving ECG screenings and necessary medical interventions.

IUML urges for grand celebration of Tipu Sultan jayanti

MANGALURU

Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) Dakshina Kannada District President C. Abdul Rahiman has urged the Karnataka government to grandly celebrate Tipu Sultan's birth anniversary on November 10, calling him a patriot and a symbol of communal harmony who sacrificed his life fighting the British. Addressing a press conference at the Mangaluru Press Club on Tuesday, Rahiman said that Tipu Sultan's contributions should be included in school textbooks and that the government should institute awards in his name for individuals who have made significant contributions to the state. He stressed that programmes should be organized to ensure Tipu Sultan's legacy is remembered permanently. Warning the Congress government, he said, "If the state neglects this demand, it will face serious political consequences in the next Assembly elections."

IUML Vice President Muhammad Ismail questioned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, saying that while universities have been named after Kanakadasa, Devaraj Urs, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wodeyar, and Basavanna, Tipu Sultan has been unfairly excluded despite being a champion of justice and equality.

He called upon Speaker U.T. Khader, Minister Zameer Ahmad Khan, and other Muslim leaders to resign and lead a movement in support of Tipu Sultan if the government fails to meet their demand. District Treasurer Riyaz Harekal, members K.S. Abdul Khader, Abdul Rahman Kandak, and Muhammad B.A. were also present at the press meet.

Farmer electrocuted while cutting coconut tree

MANDYA

A tragic incident occurred in Sagya village of Malavalli taluk, where a 38-year-old farmer, Ramesh, died of electrocution while removing coconut fronds on Tuesday morning.

According to Mandya SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, Ramesh accidentally came into contact with an 11 kV power line while working in his field. The high-voltage current killed him instantly.

The Moti Nagar Police later discovered his body entangled in the wires near the roadside. Authorities have taken up a detailed investigation into the incident. Police have urged local farmers to exercise caution while working near electrical lines to prevent such tragedies.

4 day agri-horticulture fair from Nov 7

SHIVAMOGGA

The Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences will host a four-day Agri-Horticulture Fair from November 7 to 10 at its Navule campus under the theme "Sustainable Agriculture through Cooperative Farming." Announcing the event at a press conference, Vice-Chancellor Dr. R.C. Jagadish said the fair will feature exhibitions on agriculture and horticulture, demonstrations of major crops, displays of farm machinery and bio-inputs, and interactive sessions between scientists and farmers.

The fair will also include exhibits on integrated and protected farming systems, floriculture, terrace and vertical gardening, honey production, and the importance of millets. Cashew crop demonstrations, value addition technologies, and discussions on post-harvest management will also be part of the event. More than 25 new crop varieties and over 40 advanced production and protection technologies developed by the university will be showcased.

A major highlight will be the Technology Park, where the latest agricultural innovations and machinery will be displayed for farmers to gain hands-on knowledge. The event will also recognize and honor progressive farmers and women achievers for their contributions to the agricultural sector.

Dr. Jagadish said the university has already reached over four lakh farmers across seven districts through its extension activities. The fair will be inaugurated by Agriculture Minister Cheluvarayaswamy

CANE FARMERS UNREST

Sugarcane farmers' protest enters sixth consecutive day

BELAGAVI

The indefinite protest by sugarcane farmers near Gurlapur Cross in Mudalagi taluk entered its sixth consecutive day, with farmers demanding that the government fix the sugarcane procurement price at ₹3,500 per tonne. Though the crushing season has already begun, the rate has not yet been finalized, angering the farmers. Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Roshan held talks with sugar mill owners to agree on ₹3,200 per tonne, but the farmers refused to compromise on their demand.

Farmers suspect that close ties between the state government and sugar mill lobbies are causing the delay in announcing the price. Agitated protesters blocked the Belagavi–Bagalkote–Vijayapura highway, bringing traffic to a complete halt and causing severe inconvenience to commuters. With no response yet from the government or concerned ministers, farmers have warned of intensifying their agitation.

Meanwhile, in Bagalkote district's Jamakhandi taluk, protests turned violent at the Prabhulingeshwar Sugar Factory when unidentified miscreants pelted stones at parked vehicles and the factory office, shattering windshields. Farmers clarified that they were not responsible for the violence. Police from Jamakhandi rushed to the spot, tightened security, and initiated an investigation.

The farmers' movement, now in its seventh day, is spreading across Belagavi district, with demonstrations and road blockades reported in Chikkodi, Athani, and Raybag taluks. In support, a bandh has been called in Hukkeri town. Minister Satish Jarkiholi stated that he has directed officials to hold discussions with farmers to resolve their concerns promptly.

State awardee Jokatte donates Rs 5 lakh prize to 5 charitable orgs

MANGALURU

NRI entrepreneur and philanthropist Zakaria Jokatte, who recently received the prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, announced that he will donate his ₹5 lakh cash prize to five organizations engaged in humanitarian service.

The beneficiaries include Sanidhya Residential School for the Mentally Challenged in Mangaluru, Sneha Deep Ashram for HIV-affected children in Bondel, Snehashalaya De-addiction Centre in Talapady, the Karunya Project under M. Friends Charitable Trust's Lady Goschen initiative, and the Hidaya Colony Centre for Differently Abled Children in Kavalakatta. Each institution will receive ₹1 lakh. Zakaria stated that the amount will be distributed during a civic felicitation event organized by his well-wishers' group in November.

The Karnataka Government honored Zakaria Jokatte with the Rajyotsava Award for his outstanding contributions to philanthropy and social service.

QUICK READ

Applications invited for Yuvanidhi scheme

Chitradurga

Eligible candidates who completed their graduation, post-graduation, or diploma courses in the years 2022–23, 2023–24, or 2024–25 can now apply for unemployment allowance under the Yuvanidhi Scheme. Interested applicants may submit their applications online through the Seva Sindhu portal at https://sevasindhugs.karnataka.gov.in or visit Grama One and Karnataka One centers for assistance. Beneficiaries already receiving the Yuvanidhi allowance must now submit a monthly self-declaration online before the 25th of each month, replacing the earlier quarterly process. For more details, candidates can contact 9945587060 or 7019755147, or visit the District Employment Exchange Office.

Leopard attack kills eight sheep in Tiptur

Tiptur

A leopard attacked a sheep pen in Shivara village of Kasaba Hobli, killing eight sheep and injuring four others on Monday night. The sheep belonged to farmer Rajshekhar, who discovered the attack early Tuesday morning when he went to release the flock. He immediately informed the Forest Department. A team led by Range Forest Officer Madhu visited the spot and conducted an inspection. Villagers reported frequent sightings of the leopard over the past few days and urged officials to capture it soon. RFO Madhu assured that traps will be set to capture the animal and compensation will be provided to the affected farmer as per government norms.

Moyyuddin leads distribution camp of govt scheme cards

A large turnout marked a free card distribution and awareness camp in Kolar, led by social worker and Congress leader Moyyuddin

KOLAR

Social worker and Congress leader Moyyuddin urged the public to take advantage of various government welfare schemes by obtaining the necessary identification and benefit cards. He was speaking at a public awareness and free card distribution camp organized under his leadership at Sultan Tippasandra in Ward No. 16, Usman Nagar, Kolar.

Moyyuddin emphasized that many citizens remain unaware of the numerous welfare programs available to them and, as a result, are deprived of benefits they deserve. He said such awareness camps are being organized to educate people and help them obtain essential documents. "We will continue to hold similar awareness programs in the coming days to ensure no eligible person is left behind," he added.

At the special camp, hundreds of people registered for various government benefits. Unorganized workers received Labour (E-Shram) cards, while several beneficiaries obtained Ayushman Bharat health cards for free medical facilities. Voter ID registrations were also facilitated at the venue, ensuring that participants could access both social and civic entitlements easily.

District President of the Unorganized Workers' Association Sameer Pasha, Youth Congress leader and national coordinator Junaid Khan, and community representatives Afsar Khan, M.B. Shams, Musaddiq, Abdul Sadiq, Azeem, Irshad, and Riyaz were present at the event.

The initiative, led by Moyyuddin, reflected a strong commitment to grassroots empowerment by spreading awareness about welfare schemes and simplifying access to government benefits for the common people of Kolar.

District admin urges vigilance against child labour

CHIKKABALLAPUR

District officials emphasized strict enforcement to eliminate child and labour, highlighting awareness, rehabilitation measures, and legal actions against violators across Chikkaballapur

Deputy Commissioner P.N. Ravindra emphasized the need for intensified vigilance to eliminate child and bonded labour in the district. Speaking at a meeting held in the Zilla Panchayat auditorium, he directed officials to strictly enforce existing laws and protect children from exploitation.

The event, organized jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Labour Department, reviewed district-level measures against child labour. Ravindra revealed that from April 1 to October 31, 2025, 15 inspections were conducted, resulting in the rescue of 13 children—two from child labour and eleven from bonded labour. Rehabilitation efforts for these victims are underway.

He reminded that as per the Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, employing children below 14 years or adolescents under 18 years in hazardous industries is a punishable offence, carrying imprisonment of six months to two years, a fine between ₹20,000 and ₹50,000, or both. Those violating the law repeatedly face stricter penalties.

The deputy commissioner also urged the public to report any such incidents through the child helpline 1098 and stated that rescued children would receive ₹20,000 rehabilitation aid.

He called for collective awareness drives and stricter enforcement to ensure every child's right to free and compulsory education. Officials from multiple departments, including the Labour, Health, and Women and Child Welfare departments, participated in the meeting.

Savita Samaj protests against C.T. Ravi's remark

RAMANAGARA

A protest was held by the District Savita Samaj (R) and the Bangalore South District Backward Castes Maha okkuta (R) against Legislative Council member C.T. Ravi for using the word Ajama, a banned word of the Savita Samaj.

On Tuesday, in the city's Ijoor Circle, the President of the Savita Samaj Development Corporation M. S. Muthuraj, led by the District President of the Backward Castes Maha okkuta, Raid Nagaraju, staged a protest and shouted slogans against C.T. Ravi.

Addressing the protesters, the District President of the Backward Castes Maha Okkuta, Raid Nagaraju, said that C.T., who had used derogatory words against the relatives of the Savita Samaj who play the Mangalavadya for any auspicious event, should be punished. They demanded that a case of caste abuse be registered against Ravi and that he immediately apologize to the relatives of Savita Samaj.

Savita Samaj Development Corporation President M. S. Muthuraj said that it is condemnable that C.T. Ravi, as a public representative, spoke derogatorily about a society, and demanded that he immediately withdraw his statement and publicly apologize to Savita Samaj.

Savita Samaj District President G.V. Srinivas, Vice President Munikrishna, Magadi Taluk President Suresh, Kanakapura Taluk President Srinivas, Channapatna Taluk President R.P. Lokesh, Janardhan, president of the youth wing of the Mahabandha of Backward Castes, Shruti, Manjula, Anita of the women's wing, Srinivas, president of Harohalli Taluk, leaders Venkatesh, Ravikumar, Praveen, Vinu Shivanand, Ramesh, Govind Raju, Bharat and others participated.

Dr. Hiremath honoured with Rajyotsava Dheemanta award

DHARWAD

Renowned Ayurvedic expert and lecturer at C.B. Guttal Ayurvedic Medical College, Dr. Mahantaswamy Hiremath, has been conferred with the prestigious Rajyotsava Dheemanta Award by the Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation. The award was presented during the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations held in Hubballi. Dr. Hiremath has actively promoted Ayurveda among farmers and the public. At the agricultural fair organized by the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, he set up a stall to educate farmers about maintaining physical health through Ayurveda. He has also spread awareness about Ayurvedic benefits during the Ulavi Channabasaveshwara.

Public advised to avoid contact with power towers

CHITRADURGA

The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has issued a public advisory urging residents to stay away from power towers and related structures in Dindavara village, Hiriyur taluk. The 1.525 km 66 kV LILO power transmission line connecting the existing 66 kV Hiriyur–Dasudi–Bevinahalli line to the new 66/11 kV Dindavara substation has been completed and will be energized on or after November 5. Authorities have cautioned the public not to touch or climb power towers, throw metal wires, tree branches, or any objects near the line, or tether animals to the towers. Such actions could lead to severe electrical hazards or accidents, for which KPTCL will not be held responsible.

Landowners with trees located along the transmission route have been advised to cut them down with prior approval, as per safety regulations and compensation norms. Failure to comply with these instructions could pose a safety risk.

The transmission line passes through Dindavara and Duggani Hatti village areas. Residents have been urged to exercise caution and cooperate with KPTCL to ensure public safety and uninterrupted power transmission in the region.

Philosophical values to inspire young minds: Dr. K.T. Chikkanna

CHITRADURGA

"We must live as humane beings and create a cultural environment that nurtures Kannada heritage," said Dr. K.T. Chikkanna, president of the Kanakadasa and Tatvapadakara Study Centre, speaking at the Kanaka Nade-Nudi Utsava held at the Government Arts College's Dr. B.R. Ambedkar auditorium. Inaugurating the event by playing the tamburi, he explained that the centre seeks to sow the humanistic and philosophical values of saints and thinkers such as Kanakadasa and Basavanna in young minds.

Dr. Chikkanna noted that the centre's work is not limited to Kanakadasa alone; it has already published a fifty-volume anthology of Tatvapada literature, comparable to the vachana and dasa traditions. Refuting the notion that the medieval period was a dark age for literature, he argued it produced rich philosophical works that engaged directly with life's realities. He stressed efforts to encourage students and youth to reflect on the paths, models and ideas offered by poets, kirtankars and philosophers.

Government Arts College principal Dr. J. Kariyappa Malige remarked that struggle often sparks social change, and Kanakadasa's life exemplified such transformative engagement. Travelling across the land without personal ambition, Kanakadasa embraced social concerns and turned his experiences into songs, writings and discourses that formed the essence of Kanaka thought.

The festival included a short film on Kanakadasa, cultural performances and the Kanaka Samskruti Sanchalana talent contest; winners were awarded books and certificates. Faculty and students from several local institutions — including the Government Science College and multiple women's degree colleges — attended, reinforcing a communal effort to revive and transmit Kanaka culture to younger generations and wisdom.

Dist observes adoption awareness campaign

CHIKKABALLAPUR

The district administration organized an International Adoption Awareness Campaign across Chikkaballapur to promote understanding of legal adoption procedures and the importance of giving children a loving, secure home, said Deputy Commissioner P.N. Ravindra.

Inaugurating the event at the DC office conference hall, Ravindra stressed that adoption ensures family care for children deprived of parental protection. He highlighted that public awareness is vital to encourage more families to consider legal adoption, helping children grow up in safe and affectionate environments.

The campaign, jointly organized by the Department of Women and Child Development, the District Child Protection Unit, and the Juvenile Justice Board, featured awareness drives, discussions, and outreach programs throughout the district. Officials emphasized that every child deserves love, care, and the right to a nurturing family, noting that adoption transforms lives by providing emotional and social stability.

Women and Child Development Deputy Director R. Venkateshwar, District Child Protection Officer B. Naushad, District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. Mahesh Kumar, and members of the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Committees participated in the event.

Pahare Forum gets Indira Priyadarshini Environment Award

HUBBALLI

The 'Pahare' Forum, an organization known for its dedicated service in promoting environmental cleanliness and awareness, was honoured with the Indira Priyadarshini Environment Award during the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). The event took place in Hubballi on Tuesday. KSPCB Chairman Narendra Swamy presented the prestigious award to the forum's president, Nagaraj Nayak, in recognition of the group's decade-long contribution to community hygiene and environmental protection.

Expressing gratitude after receiving the award, Pahare founder-president Nagaraj Nayak thanked the Pollution Control Board and the Karnataka government for the recognition. He stated that the award symbolizes the collective efforts of every member of Pahare who has worked tirelessly for more than ten years to ensure public cleanliness. "This honour belongs to every volunteer, our advisory members, and all those who have stood with us in this mission. We are committed to continuing our active role in environmental and cleanliness initiatives in the coming years," he said.

The Pahare Forum has conducted numerous cleanliness drives, awareness campaigns, and community-led waste management activities across North Karnataka, inspiring citizens to take ownership of their surroundings.

The ceremony was attended by legislators Shivaram Hebbar and Mahesh Tenginkai, along with several senior officials and dignitaries, who praised Pahare's contribution as a model for citizen-led environmental activism.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Ganesh S/o.Bolappa, of No.515, Srirama Nilaya, K.R.Road, Panchamukhi Layout, Hosakote Town, Bengaluru Rural District, I borrow the loan to purchase the below site through M/s. Piramil Finance Limited, from Mahesh Kumar.H.D S/o. Late. Dasappa of Hosakote, Doc No.HSK-1-05477-2022-23 in respect of the property bearing No.35, PID No.28-501-35D, measuring 28 X 36 feet, the said property situated at Hosakote Town, if any one raise the objection in respect of the said site, intimate me or M.Guruprasad, Advocate, No.2, M.Lingaiah Building, V.V.Road, Mandya-571401. Mob:9242221603, within 7 days.

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C. AT CHICKBALLAPUR
C. Misc.No.342/2025
PETITIONER: Sri. V. Vinod Kumar, S/o late Veerabadrappa, Aged about 44 years, #4114, BDO Quarters, Ward No.1, Vapasandra, Chickballapur Town, Chickballapur -V/s-
RESPONDENT: The Registrar, City Municipality Birth & Deaths, Chickballapur.
PAPER PUBLICATION
The petitioner has filed the above petition for grant of death certificate petitioner's father by name Veerabadrappa S/o Basaiah, he died on 11-12-2022, in his residence at Chikballapur Town.
Any person has any right or interest may appear before this Hon'ble court on 26.11.2025 at 11 am in person or through to file your objection if any.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the kdata before mentioned in petition in it will be heard and determine ex-parte. 28/10/201
By order of the court
Sheristhedar, Prl.Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. Chickballapur-562701
Advocate for service: **M. Channakeshava,** Advocate, KAR2060/2008, Chickballapur-562 101

Office of the Executive Engineer Public Works Department (PWD), Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
Short Term Tender Notice No.: 20 / 2025-26 Date: 03-11-2025
In the above tender notice, the Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru District, under the sub-divisions of account titles: 3054-03-337-0-05-200 – Annual Maintenance of State Highways ; 3054-04-337-1-10-200 – Maintenance of District Main Roads, a total of 11 works, tenders are invited from eligible contractors through the KPP portal(kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Details of the capacity to undertake or perform the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2 & 3) should be attached. The contractor will be awarded the contract only if he/she possesses the minimum qualifications as mentioned in the Act 3. The minimum estimated amount will be Rs. 14.00 lakhs and the maximum estimated amount will be Rs. 79.23 lakhs.
Tenders are to be submitted through the KPP portal (kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for these 11 works (Ind. No.: 27762, 25075 (2nd call) dated 10.11.2025; Ind. No.: 28018, 26928 (2nd call), 27161 (2nd call), 27162 (2nd call), 28207, 28917 dated 11.11.2025; Ind. No.: 28639, 28809, 28815 dated 13.11.2025) and should be submitted by 4:30 PM on the respective dates mentioned along with the indent numbers. For more details, the subject manager can be contacted during office hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD), Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru
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QUICK READ

OPS loyalist Manoj Pandian joins DMK, to resign as MLA

Chennai
In a major political shift in Tamil Nadu, Alangulam MLA Manoj Pandian, a staunch supporter of former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam, joined the ruling DMK in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin. Moments after joining the DMK at Anna Arivalayam in Chennai, Pandian announced that he would resign from his MLA post later in the evening. Manoj Pandian, the son of former Tamil Nadu Assembly Speaker B.H. Pandian was one of the earliest leaders to rally behind O. Panneerselvam when the latter revolted against V.K. Sasikala in 2017.

KC Venugopal counters Tharoor's dynastic politics critique

Thiruvananthapuram
AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal on Tuesday firmly distanced himself from Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's controversial remarks on dynastic politics, asserting that the Nehru-Gandhi family's leadership was earned through democratic means and marked by unparalleled personal sacrifice. I do not agree with what Tharoor has said. One should ask him why he said so, said Venugopal, referring to Tharoor's weekend article in a Malayalam daily. The Nehru family never came up just like that mind you, they came through the democratic process only.

TN Polytechnic Colleges record highest NSS enrolment in India

Chennai
Tamil Nadu's polytechnic colleges have achieved a remarkable milestone, recording the highest National Service Scheme (NSS) enrolment among students in the country. Officials attribute this to the active involvement of youth volunteers and the consistent encouragement from the Directorate of Technical Education (DOTE). The NSS, a flagship initiative of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, enables students to take part in various community service and nation-building activities. Introduced in Tamil Nadu's polytechnic institutions during 1983–84, the scheme began modestly with just 10 colleges and 1,000 student volunteers.

INDIA-ISRAEL TALKS

EAM Jaishankar calls for global zero-tolerance towards terrorism

'India's new capabilities in infra, renewable energy, and health create fresh opportunities for joint ventures; eager to explore business ties with Israel'

NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday reiterated India's steadfast support for Israel, stressing that both nations face a common threat from terrorism and must work together to promote a global policy of zero tolerance against it.

Speaking during his meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar in New Delhi, Jaishankar said, India and Israel have a strategic partnership — and in our case, that term carries real meaning. We have stood together in testing times and built a relationship grounded in trust and reliability.

He highlighted that terrorism remains a shared challenge for both countries and underscored the importance of collective international action against all forms of terror. The minister also welcomed Sa'ar on his first official visit to India, noting that the engagement would strengthen bilateral cooperation across multiple sectors.

Referring to the recently concluded bilateral investment agreement between the two nations, Jaishankar said it marks a significant step forward in expanding economic collaboration. India's new capabilities in infrastructure, renewable energy, and health create fresh opportunities for joint ventures. Our businesses are eager to explore more partnerships with Israel, he added.

Jaishankar also welcomed recent developments in Israel, including the return of hostages and the remains of those who lost their lives, while reiterating India's support for the Gaza peace plan to secure a durable resolution in the region.

Acknowledging the growing number of Indian workers in Israel under bilateral mobility arrangements, Jaishankar said some of their issues require attention and expressed optimism about enhancing that aspect of cooperation.

The meeting between the two foreign ministers reinforced the longstanding strategic bond between India and Israel, anchored in shared democratic values, mutual trust, and collaboration in defence, technology, and innovation.

Students' role vital in nation-building via knowledge, values: Prez

NAINITAL

Highlighting India's progress on the economic front, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday called upon students to play an active role in nation-building by applying their education and moral values to create an equitable society.

Addressing the 20th convocation of Kumaun University in Nainital, the President said that while a convocation marks the culmination of formal education, the learning process must continue throughout life. Education inspires students to serve the nation and society with humility, she said, adding that true education not only enhances skills but also strengthens moral values and character.

The President emphasized that education forms the foundation of a country's development and must empower individuals to contribute meaningfully to society. She encouraged the youth to combine intellectual growth with compassion and civic responsibility to advance India's inclusive growth.

President Murmu participated in celebrations marking 125 years of the establishment of the Raj Bhavan, Nainital. Drawing a parallel with the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi, she said Raj Bhavans symbolize the democratic values of states and play an important role in their governance and development.

Droupadi Murmu calls upon youths to combine intellectual growth with compassion and civic responsibility to advance India's inclusive growth.

She noted that the Governor serves as the constitutional head of a state, a role defined by deep constitutional deliberation. Hence, members of the Raj Bhavan should uphold the ideals of humility, morality, and sensitivity in public service.

Praising Uttarakhand's continuous development, President Murmu expressed confidence that Governor Lt. General Gurmit Singh (Retd) and his team would continue to inspire the state's people. She later addressed the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly in Dehradun to mark the Silver Jubilee of the state's formation, reaffirming her faith in Uttarakhand's progressive spirit.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah directes security forces to maintain zero infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir amid rising ISI threats.

Post Opp Sindoor, Pak resorting to disinformation to destabilize region: Shah

NEW DELHI

With infiltration attempts across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir drastically reduced following Operation Sindoor, Pakistan is now resorting to disinformation and propaganda to destabilize the region, according to intelligence reports.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently instructed security agencies to ensure that J&K remains completely free from infiltration.

The directive follows a series of successful counter-infiltration operations that have foiled Pakistan's efforts to push terrorists into Indian territory. In October, two terrorists attempting to cross into Kupwara were neutralized by alert security personnel, highlighting the effectiveness of heightened border surveillance.

With infiltration nearly impossible, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has

reportedly shifted focus to a digital misinformation campaign aimed at creating communal unrest in Jammu and Kashmir. Intelligence agencies have identified specific ISI units tasked with spreading fake narratives — similar to those deployed during the unrest following the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). These campaigns are designed to provoke local tensions by reviving old narratives about the abrogation of Article 370 and alleged injustice toward the youth of the Union Territory.

Officials said the ISI's immediate goal is to incite discontent and exploit local grievances to recruit homegrown terrorists. This strategy reduces Pakistan's dependence on cross-border infiltration while attempting to project the militancy issue as an indigenous movement before the international community.

Though Operation Sindoor has effectively curbed infiltration, intelligence sources estimate that around 80 terrorists are currently positioned along the LoC, waiting for opportunities to cross through routes in Uri, Kupwara, Gurez, Hiranagar, and Sunderbani.

30 injured as overloaded minibus overturns in Rajouri

RAJOURI

In a tragic road accident on Tuesday, at least 30 passengers, including several students, sustained injuries after an overloaded minibus overturned in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

Officials said the accident occurred when the driver lost control of the vehicle, leading to its overturning on a hilly stretch of road.

Two students who suffered critical injuries were airlifted to Jammu for specialized treatment after doctors at the Government Medical College (GMC) Rajouri referred them for advanced care. Senior civil and police officials, including the Deputy Commissioner, DIG, and SSP Rajouri, visited GMC Rajouri to assess the condition of the injured passengers and oversee the relief measures.

Preliminary investigations suggest that overloading and overspeeding were the primary causes of the mishap. Police have registered an FIR and launched an inquiry into the incident. Authorities said the driver's negligence and violation of safety norms were likely contributing factors.

Officials noted that road accidents caused by overloading, rash driving, and poor road conditions are frequent in the hilly districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Ramban, Doda, Kishtwar, and Reasi. Earlier, six tourists were injured in a similar accident at the Sonamarg hill station in Ganderbal district following a collision on the Srinagar–Leh national highway.

The Traffic Department has deployed enforcement teams in accident-prone areas to monitor violations such as overloading, overspeeding, and road rage.

Tejashwi plays on NDA turf, tries to hit electoral boundaries with new sops

NEW DELHI

Relying on his earlier cricketing skills, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav appears to be trying to score a few political runs by driving the ball through two strong fielders placed by Bihar's Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) team.

The Opposition Mahagathbandhan bloc's Chief Ministerial face promised on Tuesday, November 4, to add on to the benefits of two groups where Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar has already announced schemes to support during his two-decade-long tenure as the head of state government.

Thus, drawing on skills acquired as a politician, Tejashwi may rather have tried to guide the ball through some comparatively weaker defence on the field. But then, these are the slog overs, when the election campaign for the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections -- to be held on Thursday, November 6 -- ends in a few hours. The second phase is scheduled for November 11, with results to be declared on November 14. If elected, he pledged his government's support for Bihar's farmers with free electricity supply for irrigation, and additional Rs 300 per quintal for paddy and Rs 400 per quintal for wheat over the Minimum Support Price (MSP). MSP is fixed by the Union government on the

recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) for select crops in each cycle annually. It is usually announced before sowing of food grains that are considered remunerative for farmers and hence deserve support. MSP serves as a price guarantee by the government to protect producers from market fluctuations.

SIR in Bengal: Trans worried over citizenship

KOLKATA

As the Election Commission of India (ECI) commenced the first phase of the three-stage Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal on Tuesday, the state's transgender community, particularly those who have undergone gender affirming surgery (GAS) or gender confirmation surgery (GCS), expressed an acute sense of uncertainty regarding their voter status.

The primary concerns among community members centre on significant mismatches in identity documents, namely, gender, name, and appearance after their transition.

The second concern is that the transgender identity card issued by the Union government, as well as the certificate given through the National Portal for Transgender Persons, which are often required to update one's gender in documents such as PAN, Aadhaar, and even passports, do not appear among the twelve supporting documents listed by the Election Commission for the SIR process.

Speaking to media, several transgender activists in the city, as well as legal experts, to understand the community's concerns regarding the SIR and possible ways to resolve them.

Prominent activist and former member of the West Bengal Transgender Development Board, Ranjita Sinha, told the media that there is a fear of having to fight once again for the right to an Indian identity for transgender persons.

Sinha said, People who changed their identity, whether through surgery or self-declaration, will face serious difficulty. If someone's name was on the 2002 voters' list, the photograph and name recorded then will not match their present identity.

Booth Level Officers will also visit homes for verification. Many transgender persons were forced out of their homes after choosing to live according to their identity. Some parents even declared their children dead. What will happen to such individuals?

Azhar gets minorities welfare, public enterprises portfolios

HYDERABAD

Mohammed Azharuddin, who took oath as a minister in the Telangana Cabinet, was on Tuesday allotted the portfolios of Minorities Welfare and Public Enterprises. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma allotted the portfolios to Azharuddin, the Congress leader and the former Indian cricket captain.

The Minorities Welfare portfolio was held by the Scheduled Caste Development and Tribal Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, while Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy looked after the Public Enterprises Department. Azharuddin has been allotted portfolios four days after he was inducted into the Council of Ministers.

The governor had administered the oath of office to Azhar at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan on October 31. Azharuddin, 62, is the first Muslim face in the Revanth Reddy-led Cabinet. The State Cabinet in August this year decided to nominate Azharuddin as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) under the Governor's quota.

HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION

Oil, gas hunt upped in 7 sedimentary basins across India: Puri

NEW DELHI

Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Tuesday that India's energy journey is entering a new era as seven sedimentary basins are under study with advanced technology for the exploration of oil and gas across the country.

Mission Anveshan, one of the largest seismic mapping programmes for oil and gas in India's history, has been launched under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision.

The Rs 792 crore programme launched in Oct 2024 is targeting 20,000 ground line kilometres (GLK) of seismic surveys of which over 8,000 GLK has already been surveyed, the minister said.

From the sands of Rajasthan to the sea depths of the KG Basin -- Bharat is mapping its own energy future, the minister remarked.

While 1 million square km offshore area is now open for oilfield exploration, 99 per cent of 'No-Go' areas have been cleared, he said.

The oil and gas blocks being offered under the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) have already garnered attention from global and domestic energy players, and Round X is expected to set new benchmarks for participation and investment.

He earlier highlighted that 25 blocks have been marked under OALP-X; 154 exploration blocks are active; 14 new oil and gas discoveries; ONGC producing 34,000 BOPD oil and 3 MMSCMD gas. The Petroleum Ministry recently invited feedback and suggestions on Draft Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, Model Revenue Sharing Contract (MRSC) and Petroleum Lease as part of the country's focus to accelerate oil and gas. These are a series of pathbreaking policy reforms that are being implemented to promote exploration and production in the oil and gas sector.

The Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948, was amended in March 2025, and new PNG rules have come within three months in the run-up to OALP Round X.

BATTLE FOR BIHAR

Final countdown: Top guns hit field, trade barbs

Legislative Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in Bihar on November 6 and 11 to elect the 243 members to the assembly.

Shah collates Lalu's loot with Modi's clean governance

DARBHANGA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on RJD chief Lalu Prasad Yadav on Tuesday, alleging a long list of corruption scams during his tenure in Bihar.

Speaking at a public rally in the Jale Assembly constituency of Darbhanga, Shah accused the RJD and Congress of looting the state and neglecting its development.

Lalu Prasad has committed the fodder scam, land-for-jobs scam, hotel scam, bitumen scam, flood relief scam, recruitment scam and the AB Export scam. Lalu and Rabri committed so many scams, and the Congress party committed scams worth ₹12 lakh crore. Can these people do any good for Bihar? Shah questioned.

The Home Minister contrasted this with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's track records, stating that neither leader has faced corruption allegations despite years in power. He also credited the Modi government for key development projects in Bihar, including the construction of AIIMS in Darbhanga, ensuring residents of Mithila, Kosi, and adjoining areas receive advanced medical care locally.

'PLAN AFOOT TO OPEN DEFENCE CORRIDOR'

He further announced that the Centre plans to establish a defence corridor in Bihar, similar to the one in Tamil Nadu, aimed at boosting defence production and creating new employment opportunities in the state.

Taking a jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent Bihar visit, Shah called it a Save the Infiltrators Yatra, asserting that the BJP government remains firm on identifying and removing illegal infiltrators from the country.

Referring to the recent Pahalgam terror attack, Shah said Prime Minister Modi had vowed retaliation from the land of Madhubani and fulfilled it within 20 days through Operation Sindoor, conducted inside Pakistan.

Modi calls party leaders to esnure record voter turnout

NEW DELHI

In a spirited virtual address ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged BJP's grassroots workers, especially women Panna Pramukhs, to ensure a record voter turnout.

Speaking through a telephonic conference, PM Modi praised the women's growing leadership role in society and highlighted how government initiatives have empowered millions across Bihar.

The hour-long interaction focused on women's empowerment, welfare schemes, and social transformation brought about by initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana. The Prime Minister lauded the scheme's impact, noting how it has not only ensured food and shelter for the poor but also improved household income and reduced domestic violence.

One Panna Pramukh, Shalini, shared her experience, saying, Garib Kalyan Yojana is benefiting the poor. Along with food and shelter, people are focusing on earning money, bringing prosperity to their homes. She also offered a heartfelt blessing to the Prime Minister, saying, May you have a long life.

Recollecting his visit to Bharat Ratna Karpoori Thakur's residence, PM Modi said Thakur's vision of social justice was being realized today. Earlier, this was a male-dominated country. We women are bridging the gap within society, a Panna Pramukh added, reflecting the spirit of empowerment.

PM Modi also emphasized Bihar's infrastructural progress under his government, citing the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for clean energy access and the upcoming Metro Rail project aimed at safer travel for women. Neelam Chandravanshi, a self-help group leader from rural Bihar, shared her success story of mobilizing 180 women through savings, livestock farming, and small business ventures supported by the PM Mudra Yojana.

BIHAR Election 2025

'Centre promoting reel culture to divert attention'

PATNA

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that the Centre is diverting the attention of India's youth from pressing employment concerns by promoting a reel culture.

Addressing a massive Mahagathbandhan rally in Aurangabad, Gandhi accused the government of substituting jobs with entertainment to mask its failures on unemployment and education.

Prime Minister Modi comes to Bihar and says data is cheap, that you can watch videos, make reels, and enjoy social media. But I ask—do you want to make reels or do you want jobs? Rahul Gandhi questioned, drawing cheers from the crowd. He claimed that while young people make reels, the economic benefit goes to a few industrialists close to the government. The idea is to keep you busy in reels so that you don't question unemployment, paper leaks, or the poor state of education and healthcare, he said, calling the trend a new form of intoxication.

Gandhi also criticized Bihar's health infrastructure, claiming that thousands of patients from the state are forced to seek treatment in Delhi. Every day, two to three thousand people sleep on pavements near AIIMS Delhi. When I ask where they're from, they say—Bihar, he said, adding that hospitals in the state are in deplorable condition.

The Congress leader took aim at the Centre's Agniveer scheme, alleging it has shut down a vital avenue of jobs for aspiring soldiers. After four years, Agniveers will be forced out without martyr status or family benefits if they die in service, he said, accusing the government of privatizing PSUs like HAL, BHEL, and Indian Oil to benefit industrialists. Highlighting rising paper leaks, Rahul said the education system has lost credibility.

QUICK READ

NBA gives Rs 3 cr to AP farmers, growers of Red Sanders

NEW DELHI

In a move to promote sustainable use of biological resources, the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) has disbursed Rs 3 crore to 199 beneficiaries, covering 198 farmers from Andhra Pradesh and cultivators of Red Sanders, an official said on Tuesday. The funds were released as part of the Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) Framework, which helps the NBA provide financial support to providers and the long-term conservation of Red Sanders. The current release of funds also benefited an academic institution, the University of Andhra, said the official in a statement.

Dhanbad cops launch crackdown on 'Gangs of Wasseypur'

DHANBAD

In a major crackdown on organised crime, Dhanbad Police on Tuesday carried out massive raids at 30 locations across the district targeting the network of the notorious 'Wasseypur gang' led by fugitive gangster Prince Khan and arrested seven of his associates. The large-scale operation, which began around 3 a.m. on Tuesday and continued for more than six hours, was conducted under the supervision of SSP Sanjeev Kumar. Teams from multiple police stations, along with special units, participated in the raids. Apart from the arrest of seven individuals, several others were detained for questioning.

ED raids Varanium Cloud Ltd over ₹40 cr IPO fraud

MUMBAI

The Enforcement Directorate conducted searches in Mumbai against Varanium Cloud Ltd and its promoter for allegedly duping investors with false promises of setting up digital learning and data centres

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has carried out search operations at multiple locations in Mumbai against Varanium Cloud Ltd, its promoter Harshavardhan Sabale, and associated entities in connection with a large-scale investment fraud. The probe concerns allegations that the company duped investors by raising funds under false pretences of setting up data and digital learning centres in smaller towns.

According to the ED, the searches, conducted on October 29 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, were based on credible intelligence pointing to financial manipulation, circular fund movements, and suspected laundering of proceeds of crime.

Varanium Cloud Ltd reportedly raised about ₹40 crore through its September 2022 Initial Public Offering (IPO), claiming the money would be used for setting up edge data centres and digital learning hubs. The company portrayed itself as a fast-growing technology firm in the domains of digital media, blockchain, and EdTech, using the names of reputed business groups and media outlets to boost investor confidence.

However, the ED's findings suggest that the promised projects were never executed. Instead, the raised funds were allegedly diverted through fabricated transactions and circular movements to inflate the company's turnover and market valuation. Investigators also uncovered trading patterns typical of a pump and dump scheme, where share prices were artificially inflated and later offloaded to deceive retail investors.

Preliminary scrutiny of seized materials has exposed a vast network of mule bank accounts, dummy SIM cards, and forged KYC documents allegedly used to channel illicit funds.

Gujarat CM calls for inner purity, universal compassion

MORBI

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel attended the grand celebration of the 118th birth anniversary of Dada Bhagwan held in Gujarat's Morbi. On the second day of the festival, the Chief Minister joined devotees in offering prayers and performing 'aarti' to Simandhar Swami and Dada Bhagwan, praying for the well-being of all.

During the event, CM Patel participated in satsang and prayer sessions, attentively listening to the spiritual discourse (Atma Gnan Pravachan) delivered by Atmagnani Deepak.

The Chief Minister also offered floral tributes and performed rituals before taking blessings from Deepak, who presented him with the book Gnani Purush – Part 6, based on the life and teachings of Dada Bhagwan.

The celebration, which began on November 3, will continue till November 9, featuring a series of devotional programmes, spiritual discourses, and community prayers. Addressing the gathering, Deepak shared insightful reflections on self-realisation, the nature of karma and consciousness, liberation from worldly suffering, and the role of awareness in an age driven by modern technology and artificial intelligence.

The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of devotees and dignitaries, including Minister of State for Labour, Employment and Skill Development Kanti Amrutia, Rajya Sabha MP Kesridevsinh Zala, MLAs Durlabh Dethariya and Meghji Chavda, former ministers Brijesh Merja and Mohan Kundariya, District Panchayat President Hansaben Pareghi, Collector K.B. Jhaveri, Morbi Municipal Commissioner Swapnil Khare, District Police Superintendent Mukesh Patel, and leading community members such as Jayantibhai Rajkotia.

The Chief Minister, while offering prayers, wished for peace, harmony, and true happiness for all living beings, emphasising Dada Bhagwan's message of self-knowledge, inner purity, and universal compassion.

Dada Bhagwan, born as Ambalal Muljibhai Patel in 1908 in Gujarat, was a revered spiritual leader and the founder of the Akram Vignan Movement a unique path to instant self-realisation without traditional rituals or renunciation.

SIR fear? Yet another man ends life in Bengal

KOLKATA

On the day the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls began across West Bengal, one person allegedly committed suicide due to the fear of the exercise.

An official said that a contract worker from Uluberia in Howrah district committed suicide.

On Tuesday, over 80,000 booth-level officers (BLOs) began visiting homes to distribute enumeration forms as part of the SIR exercise.

According to the police, the deceased has been identified as Zaheer Mal, a resident of the Khalisani Gram Panchayat area of Uluberia Purba Assembly constituency.

The 28-year-old youth worked as a daily wage labourer. Officers of Uluberia police station recovered his hanging body from his house. However, no suicide note was recovered from the house. The family claimed that Zaheer was in fear of SIR and therefore took his life.

Regina Bibi, the wife of the deceased, told media persons, He was terrified of SIR. He always said that he would be sent to Bangladesh. This fear had been working in his mind for the last few days.

BLUE ECONOMY GOALS

'Integrative space-based oceanography key to unlocking blue economy'

KOCHI

Former ISRO Chairman Dr S Somanath has called for embedding space-based oceanography into India's marine research framework to unlock the full potential of the blue economy and enhance the welfare of coastal communities. =He said India must conquer the oceans through technology, innovation, and coordinated research, much like it did in space exploration.

Inaugurating the fourth edition of the International Symposium on Marine Ecosystems (MECOS-4) at the ICAR–Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) here on Tuesday, Dr Somanath said the time was ripe for India to develop an integrated ocean observation programme using advanced satellites, sensors, and artificial intelligence.

A series of ocean observation satellites is under consideration, which will usher in a new era in marine ecosystem monitoring, he said.

The former ISRO chief noted that the absence of hyperspectral sensors limits India's ability to monitor ocean health and resource distribution effectively.

We need more deep-sea sensors, buoys, and unmanned aerial vehicles to improve real-time data coverage, he said, adding that advanced data integration and analytics are crucial for sustainable ocean governance.

Dr Somanath emphasised that merging ocean science with digital tools such as AI and machine learning would strengthen predictive models, enabling better management of marine resources.

He urged for a national framework to link research institutions, startups, and technology firms under a unified ocean mission.

Presiding over the event, ICAR Deputy Director-General Dr J. K. Jena said ocean research would be a vital driver of India's long-term food and economic security. C. S. R. Ram, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, said that maritime cooperation was among India's top strategic priorities for ensuring trade, connectivity, and security across the Indo-Pacific.

QUICK READ

Ex-President Yoon summoned for military probe

Seoul

Former President Yoon Suk Yeol has been summoned by a special counsel to appear for questioning on Saturday over alleged interference in a 2023 military probe. Investigators suspect Yoon tried to reverse findings on the death of Marine Cpl. Chae Su-geun, who drowned during a rescue mission, to protect senior officers. He is also accused of helping former Defence Minister Lee Jong-sup avoid accountability by appointing him ambassador to Australia. Yoon, currently in custody for a failed martial law attempt, had skipped an earlier summons but has recently resumed attending his insurrection trial, citing health and lawyer schedules.

Aus cops arrest 18 people, seize 270 kg drugs

Sydney

Australian authorities arrested 18 people after seizing nearly 270 kg of illicit drugs linked to a nationwide crime syndicate. The joint operation by NSW, WA, and Federal Police recovered 150 kg of pseudoephedrine, 95 kg of methamphetamine, 21 kg of ketamine, 2 kg of cocaine, 14 firearms, lab equipment, and almost 2.4 million AUD in cash. Investigators said the syndicate smuggled drugs hidden in shoe consignments and distributed them across states via mail and mules. The total street value is estimated at 60 million AUD. Police previously seized smaller shipments, reinforcing their crackdown on organised drug crime.

Sikh man alleges police ignored assault case

London

Six months after allegedly being attacked by a group of men, Sikh man Harman Singh Kapoor accused the UK Metropolitan Police of ignoring his case. Kapoor claims he provided evidence and repeatedly appealed for action, but authorities showed "complete indifference." He criticized the police and London Mayor Sadiq Khan, saying he was arrested for defending himself while the attackers remain free. The posts have sparked debate over racial bias in policing, with many calling for an independent investigation. Supporters on social media demand transparency and better protection for minority communities facing racially charged violence in the UK.

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

RUSSIA PRESSES SIEGE OF POKROVSK IN UKRAINE

Pokrovsk, once home to 60,000, is largely destroyed; its capture could enable Russian advances toward Kramatorsk and Sloviansk

MOSCOW

Fierce fighting continues in the eastern Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk as Russia claims fresh advances while Ukraine insists its defenders are holding firm.

The Russian Defence Ministry said its forces had entered parts of the city, including the Prigorodny area, and were targeting Ukrainian units near the railway station and industrial zones.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy acknowledged that Pokrovsk remains under "severe pressure," but said no significant Russian progress was recorded in the past 24 hours. He added that Moscow was sending reinforcements toward Dobropillia, a nearby town where Ukraine had made gains earlier this year.

Ukraine's military reported that Russian troops were attacking in small groups without armored vehicles, and claimed they had thwarted an attempt to cut off a vital supply route from Rodynske. Ukrainian forces said Russia does not control any full district of Pokrovsk.

Pokrovsk, once home to around 60,000 people, has been largely destroyed after more than a year of battle. Its capture could allow Russian forces to advance toward Kramatorsk and Sloviansk, two key Ukrainian-held cities in the Donetsk region.

If Russia takes Pokrovsk, it would mark its most significant gain since seizing Avdiivka in early 2024. The war, now in its fourth year, has seen few territorial changes, with both sides blaming each other for the stalemate.

RUSSIA vs UKRAIN

- Russia claims that its troops had advanced in the eastern Ukrainian city of Pokrovsk, a vital transport and logistics hub that they have been trying to capture for over a year. However, Ukrainian President Zelenskyy debunked the claim, saying Pokrovsk remained under severe pressure though Russian troops had made no gains in the past day.
- Ukraine's 7th Rapid Response Corps say Ukrainian forces had thwarted a Russian attempt to cut off a supply route to Pokrovsk from Rodynske, to the north. However, Russia claims its troops has attacked Ukrainian forces near another eastern city, Kupiansk, and dislodged them from four fortified positions in the industrial zone on the left bank of the Oskol River.
- Zelenskyy says up to 60 Russian soldiers remained in Kupiansk, and that Ukrainian forces were trying to clear them. However, the Russian Ministry of Defence states its forces had carried out heavy overnight strikes on a Ukrainian military airfield, a military equipment repair base and military-industrial facilities, as well as gas infrastructure facilities that supported them.
- Ukraine's military states it hit an oil refinery in Russia's Saratov region and a successful strike and resulting fire had been recorded on one of the refining facilities. Besides it also hit Russian military logistical facilities in the Russian-occupied Ukrainian region of Luhansk.

Afghans dig through dust and debris after deadly quake

TANGI TASHQURGHAN

Residents in northern Afghanistan have begun clearing debris after a strong 6.3 magnitude earthquake killed at least 20 people and injured nearly 1,000 others.

The quake struck early Monday near Mazar-i-Sharif, damaging hundreds of homes and even the city's famous Blue Mosque.

Authorities said about 945 people were hurt, with many suffering from building collapses and falling debris. The Afghanistan National Disaster Management Authority reported that hundreds of houses were destroyed or badly damaged—raising fears as freezing winter weather approaches.

On Tuesday, villagers in Tangi Tashqurghan, near the quake's epicentre, worked to dig through rubble and strengthen unstable buildings. In August, another powerful quake killed thousands in the eastern provinces. The quake adds to Afghanistan's growing list of crises under the Taliban government.

The UN has pledged emergency aid, joined by India and China, which both promised humanitarian support.

Why is Afghan prone to earthquakes?

- The country is located on the edge of the Eurasian tectonic plate, which shares a transgression zone with the Indian plate, implying the two may converge or brush past each other, and is also influenced by the Arabian plate to its south, creating one of the world's most tectonically active regions.
- The northward movement of the Indian plate and its thrust against the Eurasian plate is usually responsible for Afghanistan's numerous quakes.

Lee seeks nuclear fuel aid from Trump, who approved SK building a nuclear submarine.

US backs South Korea's nuclear submarine plan

SEOUL

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth confirmed that Washington will work across government agencies to help South Korea build nuclear-powered submarines, fulfilling a pledge made by President Donald Trump.

Speaking after annual security talks with South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back, Hegseth said the process would be handled "in a deliberate manner," involving the Departments of State and Energy.

The move follows President Lee Jae Myung's recent request to President Trump for support in obtaining nuclear fuel. Trump later announced approval for South Korea to build a nuclear-powered submarine at a US shipyard owned by Hanwha Ocean, calling it a modern alternative to "old-fashioned" diesel models.

Hegseth praised South Korea as a "model ally" with an "incredible" shipbuilding industry, saying the project would strengthen both nations' defences. He added that the partnership would open more opportunities for cooperation in naval and surface warfare production.

When asked about US Forces Korea's potential role in a Taiwan Strait conflict, Hegseth said regional flexibility would be considered but emphasized continued deterrence against North Korean threats. He reaffirmed Washington's commitment to nuclear deterrence and alliance security.

Hegseth and Ahn visited the Joint Security Area in the Demilitarized Zone, symbolizing their shared commitment to peace and defence. Their annual Security Consultative Meeting, the first since both took office, focused on strengthening military cooperation.

North fires rockets ahead of US official's visit

North Korea fired several artillery rockets less than an hour before US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth's visit to the Demilitarized Zone, Seoul's military reported. The shells landed in the Yellow Sea, with further analysis underway. Hegseth, speaking alongside South Korean Defence Minister Ahn Gyu-back, vowed to fulfill President Trump's pledge for South Korea to build nuclear-powered submarines at a U.S. shipyard. He stressed continued U.S. commitment to deterring North Korean threats and supporting allies.

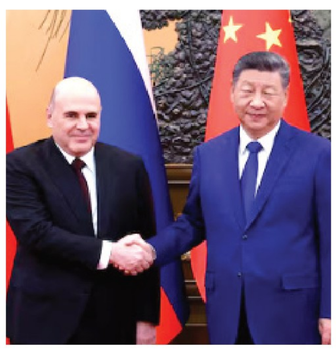
China seeks stronger economic partnership with Russia

BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin in Beijing on Tuesday, calling for deeper investment and cooperation between the two nations.

Xi emphasized that despite "turbulent" global conditions, China and Russia remain committed to strengthening their partnership.

During the talks at the Great Hall of the People, Xi said relations between China and Russia continue to progress toward "higher-level and higher-quality development." He called it a strategic choice for both sides to safeguard and expand their cooperation. Xi highlighted key areas for growth, including energy, agriculture, aerospace, digital technology, and green development.



Mishustin agreed that both countries should create better conditions to attract investments and support major joint projects. His visit comes as Russia faces Western sanctions over its war in Ukraine and seeks to offset economic challenges through closer ties with China.

Since the "no-limits" partnership signed by Xi and Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2022, trade between the two countries has reached record levels, especially in energy and finance. However, commerce has slowed recently as Beijing faces growing U.S. pressure. Chinese state oil companies have also paused purchases of Russian seaborne oil due to U.S. sanctions on major Russian firms Rosneft and Lukoil.

A joint statement released Tuesday said both countries will "strengthen cooperation in all areas" and face external challenges together. Russia also reaffirmed its support for China's "one-China" policy and opposition to Taiwan's independence, reinforcing their shared strategic alignment.

Gas cylinder blast rocks Pak SC basement

ISLAMABAD

A powerful gas cylinder explosion in the basement of Pakistan's Supreme Court injured at least 12 people on Tuesday, sending shockwaves through the building and causing panic among judges, lawyers, and staff.

The blast reportedly occurred during repair work on the central air-conditioning system, according to SAMAA TV. Courtroom No. 6 suffered major damage as Justices Ali Baqar Najafi and Shahzad Malik were hearing a case nearby. Witnesses said the explosion was so strong that it shook the entire complex, prompting people to rush outside for safety.

Rescue teams and security forces arrived at the court within minutes and began evacuation and relief efforts. Officials said the injured were maintenance workers repairing the AC system near the canteen, which is reserved for court employees. They were taken to nearby hospitals — three to PIMS and nine to the Polyclinic. Most are reportedly in stable condition, though two remain critical.

Islamabad Inspector General of Police Ali Nasir Rizvi told reporters that the blast was caused by a gas leak that had persisted for several days in the basement canteen. "Experts confirmed that it was a gas explosion," Rizvi said, adding that an AC technician suffered severe burns on 80 percent of his body. Authorities have launched an investigation into the incident and the safety lapses that led to the blast.

REEVES SIGNALS TOUGH CHOICES AND POSSIBLE TAXES

LONDON

British Finance Minister Rachel Reeves has hinted at broad tax rises in her upcoming budget, saying the government must make "hard choices" to protect public services and reduce debt without returning to austerity.

In a rare pre-budget speech, Reeves outlined the economic challenges Britain faces, including high debt, low productivity, and persistent inflation.

Reeves said her goal was to balance fiscal responsibility with fairness, ensuring that all citizens contribute to securing the nation's future. She criticized past Conservative governments for offering "easy answers" and short-term fixes, blaming them for the current state of the economy. Although Reeves did not confirm specific tax increases, analysts believe her comments signal potential rises across various sectors to rebuild financial buffers and meet fiscal targets. The Resolution Foundation estimates she may need to raise around £26 billion in new taxes to stabilize finances.

Reeves emphasized that she would protect health and education funding while reducing borrowing. She also reiterated that Britain faces the highest borrowing costs among G7 nations, making fiscal discipline crucial. Despite pledging not to impose austerity, Reeves warned that failing to act responsibly could make future borrowing more expensive.

Economists said markets are likely to welcome her commitment to keeping inflation down and adhering to fiscal rules. Reeves concluded that the government's plan aims to create "resilient public finances," giving businesses confidence to invest and allowing the government more freedom to respond to global economic turbulence. Her full budget will be announced on November 26.

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Brain-Bender: Can You Solve It?

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INDUSTRIAL DEFENCE COLLAB

India-US moots stronger defence ties in Hawaii

HONOLULU

Senior military leaders from India and the United States gathered in Hawaii for the 22nd India–US Military Cooperation Group (MCG) meeting, focusing on building stronger defence ties and boosting coordination between the two nations' armed forces.

The meeting, co-chaired by Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, India's Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, and Lt. Gen. Joshua M. Rudd, Deputy Commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command, marked another milestone in deepening bilateral military cooperation. Both sides discussed improving interoperability, conducting more joint exercises, and ensuring a secure and open Indo-Pacific region.

The MCG, established as a key dialogue platform, continues to play a major role in shaping the India–US defence partnership. Discussions covered areas such as capacity building, industrial collaboration, training exchanges, and preparedness for both traditional and modern threats. Officials reaffirmed their shared goal of maintaining regional stability and enhancing joint operational capabilities.

The 21st MCG meeting was held in New Delhi last year, where both sides pledged to expand military cooperation. Since then, several exercises—including the 21st edition of Yudh Abhyas held in Alaska—have showcased growing trust and coordination.

The Indian Army's Madras Regiment troops trained alongside American soldiers from the 11th Airborne Division, reflecting the steady growth of joint efforts since Yudh Abhyas began in 2002.

India now conducts more military drills with the US than with any other country. Exercises like Malabar, COPE India, and Tiger Triumph underline the shared commitment of the world's two largest democracies to peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

QUICK READ

IndiGo back into red with ₹2,582 cr loss in Q2

Mumbai

Aviation major IndiGo on Tuesday slipped into a loss of Rs 2,582 crore in the July–September quarter (Q2) of FY26, compared with a profit of Rs 2,176 crore in the previous April–June quarter (Q1 FY26). The airline's loss also widened from Rs 987 crore in the same period last financial year (Q2 FY25), according to its stock exchange filing. However, IndiGo's revenue from operations rose 9 per cent year-on-year (YoY) to Rs 18,555 crore, driven by strong passenger and ancillary income. Passenger ticket revenues grew 11.2 per cent.

GST cuts: Bank credit growth outpaces deposit growth

New Delhi

Bank credit growth outpaced deposit growth in mid-October, driven by seasonal festive demand, GST rate cuts and robust retail and MSME activity, according to a report on Tuesday. Total credit offtake reached Rs 192.1 lakh crore (as of October 17), marking 11.5 per cent year-on-year increase, matching last year's growth rate, the report from Care Edge Ratings noted. Additionally, strong vehicle financing during the festive season is expected to boost overall credit growth and growth was driven by interest from corporates due to rising bond yields.

'No blanket repeal of renewable energy projects'

New Delhi

The Government on Tuesday said it is closely monitoring the cases where Letters of Award have been issued by Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs), but power sale agreements (PSAs) with DISCOMs or end procurers have not yet been finalised. As of September 30, Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (REIAs) have issued Letters of Award (LoAs) for 43,942 MW of capacity where PSAs with end procurers remain unsigned. Some DISCOMs have expressed apprehensions in signing PSAs for such bids wherein the likely start date of connectivity for the successful bidders is in the distant future.

India rolls out PLI 1.2 to boost specialty steel sector

HDK launches 3rd phase of scheme, marking a major push toward India becoming a hub for advanced steel production

NEW DELHI

The Government of India on Tuesday launched the Third Round (PLI 1.2) of the Production-linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for specialty steel, furthering its commitment to make India a global leader in advanced steel manufacturing.

Announcing its roll out, Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy described the initiative as a major milestone in India's journey toward industrial self-reliance and global competitiveness.

"The PLI scheme stands as a shining pillar of the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', a mission to make India self-reliant, globally competitive, and technologically advanced in every sphere of industrial production," the Minister said.

A transformative policy for steel sector

Approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2021, the PLI scheme for specialty steel was introduced with a total outlay of ₹6,322 crore to encourage production of high-value, high-grade steels used in sectors such as defence, aerospace, energy, automobiles, and infrastructure.

Since its inception, the scheme has attracted investment commitments worth ₹43,874 crore, created 30,760 direct jobs, and is expected to add 14.3 million tonnes of new specialty steel capacity in India.

According to the latest government data, as of September 2025, companies participating in the first two rounds have already invested ₹22,973 crore and generated 13,284 jobs.

"The response to the first two rounds has been highly encouraging. The success demonstrates the strength of India's reform-oriented and industry-driven policy framework," Kumaraswamy said.

PLI 1.2: A push for advanced steel types

The newly-launched PLI 1.2 round is aimed at attracting fresh investments in advanced and emerging categories such as super alloys, CRGO steel, stainless steel long and flat products, titanium alloys, and coated steels, materials that are essential for next-generation industrial and defence applications.

The Union Minister said the third round will also open up new avenues for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and existing producers who have expanded or upgraded their capacities following the earlier phases. "PLI 1.2 is designed to accelerate India's journey toward becoming a global hub for high-grade steel production. The new phase would make Indian steel manufacturers more competitive on the global stage," he said.

THE MOTIVE

- New phase to boost investment, innovation, and high-grade steel production in India.
- PLI 1.2 to strengthen India's role in global value chain, aid 'Viksit Bharat 2047' vision.
- Over ₹43,800 crore committed; nearly 31,000 jobs generated under earlier rounds.

Building a global manufacturing hub

With India steadily emerging as one of the world's top steel producers, the PLI scheme is expected to consolidate the country's role in the global value chain. The focus will be on export-led growth, technological innovation, and sustainability in production.

"Through this initiative, we aim not just to produce steel for India, but to supply the world from India," he noted.

Toward a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047

The minister reiterated that the government remains committed to building a resilient, self-reliant, and globally competitive steel industry. The PLI 1.2 round would play a vital role in achieving the goals of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Viksit Bharat by 2047, and India's Net Zero 2070 target.

Reddy seeks German aid to turn Telangana global innov hub

HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday called for deeper collaboration between Germany and Telangana in key sectors such as information technology, pharmaceuticals, and automobiles, as part of his vision to position Hyderabad as a global innovation hub.

During a meeting with a German delegation led by Consul General Michael Hasper, the Chief Minister welcomed the announcement that Deutsche Börse, one of the world's leading financial services companies, will establish its Global Capability Centre (GCC) in Hyderabad. The project is expected to generate around 1,000 new jobs in the city's IT sector over the next two years.

Revanth Reddy thanked the German team for choosing Hyderabad for the GCC and assured them of the Telangana government's full support for all upcoming German investments in the state. He emphasized that such initiatives reflect Telangana's growing prominence as a preferred global destination for innovation and advanced industries.

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The Chief Minister also requested German support in appointing German language instructors in Telangana, enabling students to acquire language skills that would improve their global employability. He further proposed collaboration through the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM) to strengthen vocational education and skill development programs aligned with German industry standards.

Meanwhile, a delegation from Amazon Web Services (AWS) also met with the Chief Minister on Tuesday to discuss data centre projects, expansion strategies, and future initiatives in the state.

The CM reiterated the government's commitment to providing a business-friendly environment for AWS's ongoing and upcoming investments in Telangana. The meeting was attended by Kerry Person, Global Head of AWS Data Centres, and Vikram Sridharan.

Its consolidated EBITDA stood at ₹7,688 cr for the first half of FY26, while consolidated profit before tax reached ₹2,281 cr

Adani Enterprises Q2 profit surges 84% on exceptional gains

MUMBAI

Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), the flagship of the Adani Group, on Tuesday announced robust financial results for the July–September quarter and the first half of FY26, driven by strong performance across its infrastructure, energy, and airport businesses.

The company reported an 84 per cent year-on-year jump in consolidated net profit at ₹3,199 crore for Q2 FY26.

In a filing to the stock exchanges, AEL said its consolidated EBITDA stood at ₹7,688 crore for the first half of FY26, while consolidated profit before tax reached ₹2,281 crore. To further strengthen its balance sheet and support future incubation projects, the company's Board approved a ₹25,000 crore partly paid-up rights issue.

AEL's emerging core infrastructure businesses, including airports, roads, and data centres contributed significantly to this growth, posting a half-yearly EBITDA of ₹5,470 crore, a 5 per cent year-on-year increase, accounting for 71 per cent of the company's total EBITDA.

Chairman Gautam Adani said the strong results reflect the company's disciplined execution and strategic diversification. The inauguration of the Navi Mumbai International Airport marks a defining moment in India's infrastructure story and reinforces AEL's role as a national growth catalyst, he stated.

Adani Airports Holdings Ltd (AAHL) recorded a 51 per cent YoY rise in EBITDA to ₹2,157 crore, with airports now maintaining a quarterly run rate exceeding ₹1,000 crore.

'Beware of 'Digital Arrest' fraud, document interactions'

NEW DELHI

The National Payments Corporation of India on Tuesday urged citizens to be vigilant against digital arrest scams in which fraudsters impersonate law enforcement to coerce victims into sharing personal data or transferring money.

Report suspicious numbers to the national cybercrime helpline by dialling 1930 or the Department of Telecommunication (https://sancharsaathi.gov.in/sfc/), NPCI said in an advisory. Save messages, take screenshots and document interactions. This can help authorities if you need to file a report, the organisation reminded.

In digital arrest scams, scammers typically initiate contact by phone and then switch to video calls, posing as police, CBI, income tax or customs officers.

Be cautious especially if they claim urgent legal action is being initiated or warranted. They might allege that you or one of your family members is involved in a serious crime like money laundering, tax evasion, or drug trafficking, the advisory from the NPCI said.

Fraudsters use fear based language, official logos, uniforms or staged backgrounds and may threaten immediate arrest to force quick compliance. They may create official-sounding background noise to appear legitimate, authoritative and intimidating, the statement said. In some cases, they go to the extent of creating a police station-like setup to further convince victims of their credibility, it warned.

Victims are often coerced to transfer money to their account until the probe is complete. Terms like clearing your name, assisting with the probe, or refundable security deposit or escrow account might be used by them to persuade you into transferring money to specified bank accounts, the advisory read.

AP CM explores varsity partnership in London

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswami and discussed various issues, including partnership with UK universities.

The Chief Minister, who is on a personal visit to London, posted on 'X' that he discussed with the High Commissioner the strengthening of trade relations, education collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship, and diaspora engagement between Andhra Pradesh and the UK.

According to an official statement here, the Chief Minister discussed the issue of various universities in the UK forming partnerships with Andhra Pradesh.

Issues like UK universities

setting up their centres in Andhra Pradesh and joint ventures with the support of the Centre were also discussed. The Chief Minister expressed keen interest in the partnership between UK universities and educational institutions in AP.

The possibility of partnership in the areas of life sciences, biogenetics, mineral extraction and metals came up for discussion. He told the High Commissioner that the state was looking for cooperation in areas like AI, semiconductor, space tech among others.

Gujarat leads in 'fast moving' list in BRAP rankings

GANDHINAGAR

Gujarat has once again reaffirmed its position as one of India's most progressive and business-friendly states, emerging as a frontrunner in the 'Fast Moving' category under the latest Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) rankings released by the Government of India, as shared by officials on Tuesday.

The announcement came during the third session of the 'Atal Smaran Lecture Series', organised by the Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration (SPIPA) in collaboration with the Secretariat under the General Administration Department's Administrative Reforms and Training Division at SPIPA's Gandhinagar campus.

Air India to bring back 228 passengers stranded in Mongolia

NEW DELHI

Air India on Tuesday said it will operate a relief flight to ferry the passengers of San Francisco-Delhi flight which was diverted to Mongolia due to a suspected technical issue.

Air India flight AI174, operating from San Francisco to Delhi via Kolkata on November 2, made a precautionary landing at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, after the flight crew suspected a technical issue enroute. Air India will be operating a relief flight to ferry the passengers of flight AI174 (San Francisco-Delhi of 02 November), which was diverted to Ulaanbaatar on Monday. The ferry flight AI183 is scheduled to depart Delhi this afternoon and return with the affected passengers on Wednesday morning, the airline said in a latest statement.

The airline further said that along with local authorities and the Indian Embassy in Mongolia, it has been looking after the passengers and crew.

Hydrogen could replace natural gas in India 5–10 years: Official

NEW DELHI

With hydrogen prices declining faster than anticipated, India could see hydrogen become a viable alternative to natural gas within the next five to ten years, making this route central to our decarbonisation and global competitiveness goals, a top Government official said on Tuesday.

Addressing the CII Steel Summit 2025 here, Union Steel Secretary Sandeep Poundrik said: The DRI (Direct Reduced Iron) plus Hydrogen route offers a promising pathway for green steel production.

He highlighted that there are significant opportunities for investments in the steel industry, driven by growing needs from sectors such as defence, space, automotive and power – all of which are expanding rapidly and increasing demand for high-grade steel products.

Poundrik said that with consistent growth in consumption and capacity, along with rising opportunities from specialty steel and green steel, India is on its way to achieving the target of 500 million tonnes by 2047.

VIKSIT KRISHI AUR SAMRUDDH KISAN

'Synergy between edu, innov key to agronomic progress'

NEW DELHI

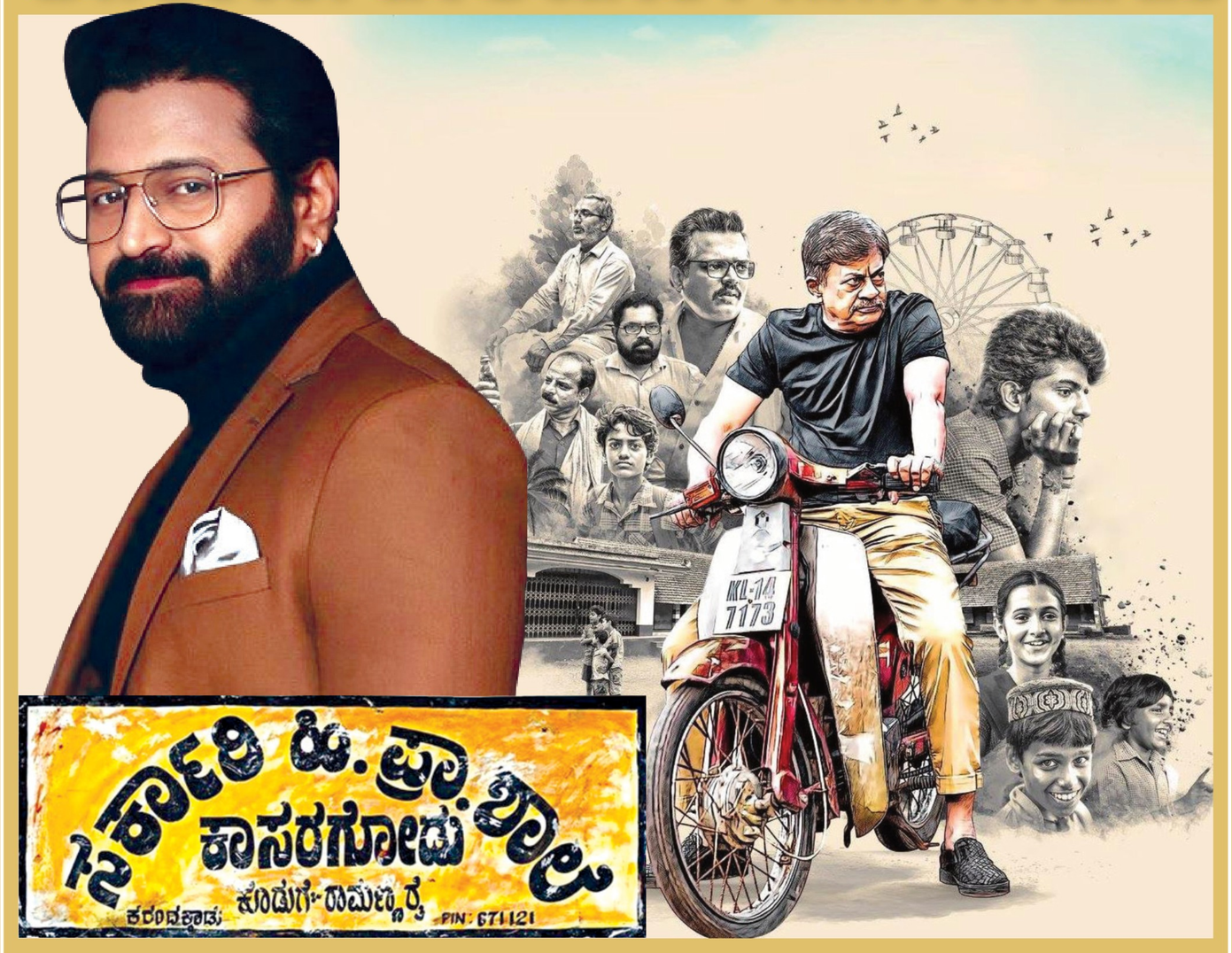
The government on Tuesday underscored the vital role of education, innovation, and skilling in shaping the future of India's agriculture sector. describing them as the institutional and scientific base for achieving a 5 per cent agricultural growth rate and realizing the national vision of 'Viksit Krishi aur Samruddh Kisan' (Developed Agriculture and Prosperous Farmer), a core component of 'Viksit Bharat'.

Agriculture remains India's largest livelihood source, supporting nearly half of the population and contributing around 18 per cent to the national GDP. To sustain growth, the government highlighted the need to enhance human capacity through higher education, research, and hands-on training, ensuring farmers are equipped to adapt to evolving technologies and climate challenges.

According to an official statement, India's agricultural education and training framework now follows an integrated model linking academia, research, innovation, and field-level skill development. Several national programmes — including the Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), and initiatives through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and the Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) — are empowering farmers with practical and vocational expertise to boost productivity and sustainability.

The government added that emphasis on quality education, accreditation reforms, and farmer-centric training is bridging the gap between scientific research and its practical application. Moreover, the inclusion of modern technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and precision farming tools is revolutionizing Indian agriculture, enabling data-driven decision-making

Rishab Shetty wins Best Director at State Film Awards



Filmmaker and actor Rishab Shetty has added another major achievement to his career, winning Best Director and Best Entertainment Film for his debut directorial Sarkari Hiriya Prathamike Shaale, Kasaragodu, Koduge: Ramanna Rai at the 2018 Karnataka State Film Awards. The honour celebrates his strong storytelling style that mixes emotion, culture, and social themes—qualities that continue to define his cinema even today.

The film, set in a border village, tells the story of students from a government school who stand up for their language and identity. It highlights unity and linguistic pride through humour, innocence, and heartfelt emotion.

The movie's simple yet powerful narrative struck a chord with both critics and audiences, earning praise for its realistic portrayal of childhood and society.

Rishab Shetty, who gained nationwide fame with Kirik Party and Kantara: Chapter 1, has become one of the most respected filmmakers in Kannada cinema.

His storytelling combines traditional values with a modern cinematic touch, making his work relatable across India. While Kantara: Chapter 1 brought him global attention, this state recognition reminds fans of his creative roots. Sarkari Hi. Pra. Shaale remains one of his most emotional works, reflecting his belief that cinema should both entertain and enlighten.

Winning two major state awards marks another proud moment for Karnataka cinema and reaffirms Rishab Shetty's role as a leading voice in India's storytelling tradition.

MADHURI DIXIT criticized for arriving late to live show

Bollywood star Madhuri Dixit-Nene faced strong criticism from fans after allegedly arriving nearly three hours late to a live show in Canada. Videos from the event show the actress performing to her iconic songs, but many attendees expressed frustration over the delay and the show's poor organisation. Social media was flooded with complaints, with users calling the event chaotic and disorganised. Several posts claimed that the show, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., did not start until almost 10:00 p.m. Many fans demanded refunds, accusing the organisers of misrepresentation under consumer protection laws. One attendee wrote, This was the worst show ever. The advertisement didn't say she would only chat and dance for seconds. People were yelling for refunds. Another added, She came three hours late and barely performed.

Umapathy says stars are born from teamwork, not ego

Film producer Umapathy Srinivas made a series of sharp remarks during the State Film Awards ceremony in Mysuru, suggesting that true stardom is built through teamwork, not individual fame. Without naming actor Darshan, Umapathy said, Someone once claimed films are made only when producers exist, not stars. But in truth, it's the producer and director who create a star.

He emphasized that the success of a film depends on the collaboration between the producer, director, and audience rather than the star alone. Stars are made by the combined efforts of many, not by one person's image, he stated, appearing to hint at Darshan's recent controversies.

Commenting on celebrity fan culture, Umapathy observed that once actors gain fame, some forget the producers who supported them. Feeding fans once a year doesn't make anyone a benefactor; those who support others daily are the real ones, he added.

In what seemed like a reference to Darshan's political involvement, he quipped, There's a saying — some lose a year's earnings for a day's wage.

Rashmika flaunts ring, blushes at Vijay's mention

Actress Rashmika Mandanna has finally given fans a full glimpse of her engagement ring, confirming growing excitement around her relationship with actor Vijay Deverakonda. Appearing on Jagapathi Babu's Zee5 talk show Jayammu Nischayammu Raa to promote her film The Girlfriend, the Pushpa star blushed when the host teased her about her very important rings.

The moment came when Jagapathi Babu joked about the many Vijays in Rashmika's life — Vijay Deverakonda, Vijay Sethupathi, and Thalapathy Vijay. Laughing, Rashmika playfully responded as the audience cheered, later admitting that her rings hold very important meaning. When asked about one particular ring, she smiled and said, I am enjoying it, hinting at her engagement.

Rashmika and Vijay reportedly got engaged in a private ceremony in Hyderabad on October 4, 2025. Vijay's team confirmed the engagement and shared that the couple is planning a February 2026 wedding.

SS Rajamouli confirms new chapter in *Baahubali Saga*

Filmmaker SS Rajamouli has thrilled fans by confirming that the Baahubali universe will return with a new project.

Speaking during an interview alongside actors Prabhas and Rana Daggubati, Rajamouli revealed that while Baahubali 3 is planned for the future, an animated film titled Baahubali: The Eternal War is already in the works.

This is not Baahubali 3, but a continuation of that world, Rajamouli said, adding that the teaser of the 3D animated feature would be shown during the intermission of Baahubali: The Epic.

The new project, produced by Shobu Yarlagadda, is being made on a massive ₹120-crore budget and has been in development for over two years.

The revelation came as Baahubali: The Epic—a recut and reimagined version of Baahubali: The Beginning and Baahubali: The Conclusion—returned to theatres on October 31.

The combined 3-hour-45-minute film offers a grand cinematic experience with upgraded visuals and sound, presented in IMAX, Dolby, 4DX, ICE Immersive, and Epic formats.

Starring Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, Anushka Shetty, Ramya Krishnan, Sathyaraj, and Tamannaah Bhatia, the re-release has reignited fan excitement for the epic saga. Rajamouli's announcement has further amplified the buzz, as audiences eagerly await the next chapter from the kingdom of Mahishmati.

Simu Liu says 'AVENGERS: Doomsday' is a love letter to superheroes

Shang-Chi actor Simu Liu has shared his excitement about being part of Avengers: Doomsday, describing it as a love letter to the entire genre of superhero movies.

The upcoming Marvel blockbuster, directed by the Russo Brothers, is set to hit theatres on December 18, 2025, and promises to unite some of the most iconic heroes and villains across the multiverse.

Speaking to Screen Rant, Liu expressed how special it feels to work alongside stars he admired growing up. It feels, in a lot of ways, like a love letter to the entire genre of superhero movies.

And I think there's something really fun about that, he said. The actor added that the film celebrates misfits and underdogs — people who, like comic book fans, always believed in hope even when they didn't fit in.

Avengers: Doomsday will see Robert Downey Jr. return in a new avatar as Doctor Doom, marking his comeback to the Marvel Cinematic Universe after his emotional exit as Iron Man in Avengers: Endgame.

Jackie Chan's heartfelt message shows *Rajinikanth's* global reach

Superstar Rajinikanth's influence once again proved its global power when international action legend Jackie Chan sent him a special message.

The martial arts icon, who has often expressed his admiration for Indian cinema, personally requested Rajinikanth to watch the Tamil version of his blockbuster Skiptrace, titled Iru Killadigal. The humble gesture highlighted the Thalaiva's unmatched popularity that extends far beyond India's borders.

Jackie Chan's message was seen as a mark of deep respect between two cinematic legends. Known for his humour, stunts, and warmth, Chan has repeatedly praised Rajinikanth's screen presence and charisma, even admitting to being a fan of his larger-than-life style.

For fans across Asia, this exchange symbolised the beautiful bond between global stars united by mutual admiration.

Rajinikanth, fondly known as Thalaiva, continues to rule the silver screen after over five decades in cinema. With more than 170 films across Tamil, Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Bangla, and Malayalam languages, his magnetic performances and grounded personality have earned him immense love from audiences worldwide.

Currently, Rajinikanth is busy shooting Jailer 2, the much-awaited sequel to his 2023 blockbuster. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, the film brings back his iconic character Tiger Muthuvel Pandian.

Major portions are being shot in Goa and Kerala, with the theatrical release slated for June 12, 2026.

Jackie Chan's heartfelt wish once again proves that Rajinikanth's superstardom and humility continue to inspire admiration across continents.

Uncertainty over Ronaldo as FC Goa Gear Up To Face Al Nassr

Cristiano Ronaldo's availability remains unclear ahead of FC Goa's crucial Group D clash

RIYADH

Indian Super League side FC Goa face a daunting challenge as they prepare to take on Saudi Arabian giants Al Nassr in a crucial AFC Champions League Two Group D encounter on Wednesday. However, the hosts are yet to confirm the availability of their marquee star Cristiano Ronaldo, who has not featured in any of Al Nassr's three group-stage matches so far.

The Portuguese superstar was "rested" during the first-leg clash in Goa last month, which Al Nassr won 2–1. Fans were left disappointed after Ronaldo opted out of travelling to India, reportedly due to a clause allowing him to skip away matches at his discretion. Despite missing all group fixtures, the 40-year-old forward has been in fine form in the Saudi Pro League, recently netting a brace in a 2–1 win over Al Fayha.

For Manolo Marquez's men, the fixture is both a test and an opportunity. The Gaurs head into the game high on confidence after an impressive run in the Super Cup 2025, including convincing wins over Jamshedpur FC and Inter Kashi. Their domestic form has showcased improved rhythm, teamwork, and sharp attacking play — qualities they now aim to translate onto the continental stage.

While results in the AFC competition have yet to match their performances, FC Goa made history by scoring India's first-ever goal in the tournament. Facing a star-studded Al Nassr, they'll need tactical discipline and courage to pull off an upset. Under the floodlights of Al Awwal Park, FC Goa will look to channel belief, pride, and momentum as they seek to reignite their continental campaign against one of Asia's most formidable footballing powers.

UEFA: Liverpool Host Real Madrid, PSG Face Bayern

PARIS

The UEFA Champions League 2025 returns with a pair of high-voltage fixtures featuring four of Europe's most formidable sides. Defending champions Paris Saint-Germain host Bayern Munich, while Real Madrid travel to Anfield to take on Liverpool in two blockbuster encounters that headline the fourth round of the league stage.

The PSG–Bayern clash pits the top two teams in the 36-club standings against each other. Both have won their opening three matches and lead the goal charts with PSG netting 13 goals and Bayern close behind with 12. While the French champions have seen goals spread across their attacking line, Harry Kane remains the key figure for Bayern, having scored 22 goals this season across all competitions.

At Anfield, all eyes will be on the emotional return of Trent Alexander-Arnold, who joined Real Madrid during the offseason. His departure, after running down his Liverpool contract, caused friction among fans, though Madrid eventually paid €10 million to bring him in early for the Club World Cup. His reception on Merseyside is expected to be mixed as he lines up against his former club.

Europe's elite collide as defending champions PSG meet Bayern and Real visit Liverpool.

Elsewhere, Arsenal, currently six points clear at the top of the Premier League, aim to maintain their perfect Champions League run when they face Slavia Prague. Napoli host Eintracht Frankfurt in the other early fixture.

Later games include Atletico Madrid vs Union Saint-Gilloise, Bodø/Glimt vs Monaco, Juventus vs Sporting Lisbon, Olympiakos vs PSV Eindhoven, and Tottenham vs FC Copenhagen — ensuring a night brimming with European football drama and elite rivalries.

Arsenal Striker Gyokeres Ruled Out of Slavia Prague Clash With Injury

LONDON

Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta confirmed that striker Viktor Gyokeres will miss Champions League clash against Slavia Prague after sustaining a muscle injury during the Premier League leaders' 2–0 win over Burnley last weekend. The Swedish forward, who was substituted in the second half, did not train on Monday and is awaiting further medical assessment.

"I am concerned because he hasn't had many muscular issues and had to leave the pitch feeling something," Arteta said at his pre-match press conference. "That's never a good sign, especially for a player as explosive as Viktor. We're digging deeper to understand the injury and will share updates soon."

Arteta added that Gyokeres is "definitely not available" for the Slavia match, and further tests will determine how long he will be sidelined. The absence adds to Arsenal's growing list of attacking injuries, with Kai Havertz, Gabriel Jesus, Gabriel Martinelli, Martin Ødegaard, and Noni Madueke all currently unavailable.

Mikel Arteta confirms muscle issue sidelines Swedish forward ahead of Champions League tie.

Despite the setbacks, Arsenal are chasing their 10th straight win across competitions and an eighth consecutive clean sheet. Midfielder Mikel Merino, who replaced Gyokeres against Burnley, is expected to start in Prague. Arsenal sit six points clear of Manchester City and seven ahead of Liverpool in the Premier League as they continue their push for a first domestic title since 2004. However, Arteta warned that fixture congestion could affect his injury-hit squad.

The Black Cats move level with Liverpool after coming from behind at home

Sunderland Fight Back to Draw 1–1 With Everton

SUNDERLAND

Sunderland battled back from an early deficit to hold Everton 1–1 at the Stadium of Light, moving into fourth place in the Premier League table. The result saw the newly promoted side continue its remarkable run, drawing level on points with Liverpool and Bournemouth, as their impressive return to top-flight football gathered further momentum. Everton took the lead in the 15th minute through a brilliant solo goal from Iliman Ndiaye. The Senegalese winger picked up the ball near the right touchline, weaving past four Sunderland defenders before curling a precise left-foot strike beyond the motionless goalkeeper. The Toffees nearly doubled their advantage when Jack Grealish struck the post midway through the first half, while Thierno Barry blazed a close-range effort over minutes later.

Anya Shrubsole Joins RCB as Bowling Coach

BENGALURU

Former England pacer Anya Shrubsole has been appointed as the new bowling coach of Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) ahead of the 2026 Women's Premier League (WPL) season. The 2024 WPL champions have announced a reshuffle in their coaching staff, with Malolan Rangarajan set to take charge as head coach for Season 4 due to the unavailability of Luke Williams, who has Big Bash League (BBL) commitments with Adelaide Strikers.

Shrubsole, a veteran of 173 international matches across formats, was one of England's most successful fast bowlers, renowned for her sharp inswingers and match-winning spells — including her iconic performance in the 2017 ODI World Cup final. The 33-year-old retired from professional cricket in 2023 after captaining her Hundred side, Southern Brave, to the title. Her appointment strengthens RCB's backroom setup as they look to defend their crown in WPL 2026.

Shrubsole replaces Sunetra Paranjape, who served as the bowling coach until the previous season. Her familiarity with Smriti Mandhana, RCB's captain, from their time together at Southern Brave, is expected to add strong synergy between leadership and support staff. Meanwhile, Malolan Rangarajan, who has been part of RCB's men's and women's setups as a scout and fielding coach, will step up as interim head coach.

Coach Sodhi Hails Harmanpreet's Moga-to-Glory Journey

DANIEL GEORGE, BENGALURU

Years ago at the Guru Nanak College ground in Moga, Punjab, a young schoolgirl with her dupatta tied tightly around her waist bowled with such fire that senior boys struggled to face her. That girl was Harmanpreet Kaur — now India's first-ever ICC Women's World Cup-winning captain.

Her first coach, Kamaldeesh Singh Sodhi, vividly remembers that day. Speaking to City Hilights from Adelaide, he said, "This is a dream come true. I only moulded her—she did the rest. Her grit and determination are unmatched." He recalled spotting her while jogging and being struck by her natural pace and control.

Sodhi, who runs a private school, persuaded Harmanpreet's parents to let her pursue cricket, assuring them he would take care of her education and training. "She called me right after lifting the trophy to thank me—it was emotional and proud," he said.

ROOTS TO GLORY

From captaining Moga to the Punjab Inter-District title in 2006 to leading India to World Cup glory, Harmanpreet's journey has been nothing short of remarkable. Under her leadership, Moga dominated Punjab cricket for nearly a decade. Sodhi fondly recalls an early display of her power—smashing a house window with a massive six in Patiala—an early glimpse of the brilliance that shone in her iconic 171 against Australia in 2017.

In this World Cup, she led India with calm authority, making tactical masterstrokes like bringing Shafali Verma into the attack during the final. "This was a collective team effort; everyone gave their best," Sodhi said. From a determined schoolgirl in Moga to a world champion, Harmanpreet Kaur's story is one of passion, perseverance, and unbreakable will.

MUMBAI

'My job was to apply finishing touches,' says Richa Ghosh

India's World Cup-winning wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh credited head coach Amol Muzumdar for defining her role clearly — to finish innings with power and precision. "My main job was to score quickly in the final overs and apply the finishing touches," said Richa, who smashed a brisk 34 off 24 balls in the final against South Africa. The 22-year-old said that Muzumdar's clarity helped the players trust their roles. "He made everyone's responsibility clear. For me, it was to play fearless cricket and end strongly," she said. Richa, who ended the tournament with 235 runs at a strike rate of 133.52, said extra runs at the end "reduce pressure and improve our chances to win."

HYDERABAD

Kavya Maran's SRH likely to release Heinrich Klaasen ahead of IPL 2026

Kavya Maran's Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) are reportedly set to make a bold move ahead of the IPL 2026 auction, with star wicketkeeper-batter Heinrich Klaasen likely to be released. According to reports, SRH are considering freeing up funds to rebalance their squad after a disappointing 2025 season. Klaasen, SRH's highest-paid player last year at over ₹20 crore, scored 487 runs with a 172.69 strike rate, but the team's inconsistent middle order and weak spin attack hurt their campaign. Releasing him could give SRH an additional ₹23 crore purse, strengthening their options to rebuild. Reports suggest the franchise might even attempt to buy Klaasen back at a lower price during the auction.

NEW DELHI

AIFF Announces Two-Phase Schedule for Indian Women's League 2025–26

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced that the Indian Women's League (IWL) 2025–26 season will be played in two phases to accommodate national and international player commitments. Phase 1 will run from December 20, 2025, to January 6, 2026, while Phase 2 is scheduled from April 20 to May 10, 2026. The decision was finalised after a meeting between the AIFF and representatives from all eight participating clubs on October 30. The AIFF stated that this revised format aims to ensure player availability and maintain high competition standards, considering several IWL footballers are currently involved in international duties and national team assignments.

'Never Stop Dreaming, You Never Know Where Destiny Will Take You'

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur reflects on her journey from childhood dreams to WC glory

NEW DELHI

From holding her father's oversized cricket bat as a child to lifting India's maiden ICC Women's World Cup trophy, Harmanpreet Kaur's story is one of resilience, self-belief, and unshakable dreams.

"Never stop dreaming. You never know where your destiny will take you," Harmanpreet said after India's 52-run victory over South Africa in the final at Navi Mumbai. The skipper, who led with grace and grit, shared how her cricketing dream began in childhood. "We used to play with a bat from my dad's kit bag. It was too big, but one day he cut it down for me," she recalled in a BCCI video.

That small gesture ignited a passion that would one day unite a nation in celebration. "As a young girl, I didn't even know women's cricket existed. But I always dreamt of wearing the blue jersey and bringing change," she said.

For Harmanpreet, the victory is more than a sporting triumph — it's a spiritual fulfilment. "It feels magical. Everything just fell into place. I'm humbled and grateful to God for this moment," the 36-year-old said, her voice filled with emotion.

Reflecting on the heartbreak of the 2017 final loss to England, she credited fans for keeping their belief alive. "That welcome after 2017 showed us the whole country was waiting for women's cricket to shine," she said.

As India celebrates, Harmanpreet's words echo across generations — a reminder that dreams, however distant, can shape destiny when pursued with heart and hope.

Moody Appointed LSG's Global Director of Cricket

LUCKNOW

Former Australia all-rounder Tom Moody has been appointed as the global director of cricket for the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) ahead of the 2026 season. The announcement was made by the franchise on Tuesday through its social media platforms, hailing Moody's "experience, vision, and leadership."

Former Australia all-rounder brings vast coaching and playing experience to Lucknow Super Giants.

The 60-year-old brings a wealth of international and franchise cricket experience to the role. Moody has previously served as head coach of Sunrisers Hyderabad in two separate stints, guiding them to their maiden IPL title in 2016. He parted ways with the franchise in 2022 after Brian Lara took over coaching responsibilities.

During his playing days, Moody represented Australia in eight Tests and 76 One-Day Internationals, scoring 1,667 runs and claiming 54 wickets across formats. Known for his towering presence and sharp cricketing acumen, he was also a formidable performer in domestic cricket, amassing over 21,000 first-class runs, including 64 centuries, along with 361 wickets in the Sheffield Shield.

His strategic insight and global experience are expected to bolster LSG's cricketing operations, which have made steady progress since their IPL debut in 2022. The appointment signals the franchise's intent to strengthen its backroom leadership as it eyes a title run in the coming seasons.

Moody's track record of developing young talent and building cohesive teams has earned him respect in cricketing circles worldwide. With his appointment, Lucknow Super Giants aim to blend experience with innovation — a move that could define their future in the world's most competitive T20 league.

Smriti, Jemimah and Deepti Named in ICC Women's WC Team

DUBAI

India's triumphant Women's World Cup campaign was richly reflected in the ICC's Team of the Tournament, with Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues, and Deepti Sharma earning well-deserved spots in the star-studded lineup announced on Tuesday.

The trio played crucial roles in guiding India to their maiden World Cup title, defeating South Africa by 52 runs in the final at Navi Mumbai on Sunday. Mandhana finished as the

tournament's second-highest run-scorer with 434 runs at an average of 54.25, including a brilliant 109 against New Zealand and consistent knocks against Australia and England.

Rodrigues, who amassed 292 runs at 58.40, was a revelation in the middle order. Her unbeaten 127 against Australia in the semifinal was pivotal to India's progression, while her steady contributions throughout the tournament underlined her maturity as a match-winner.

All-rounder Deepti Sharma, named Player of the Tournament, was India's heartbeat across formats — scoring 215 runs and taking 22 wickets at an average of 20.40. Her heroic 5/39 and 58 runs in the final showcased her all-round brilliance and big-match temperament. South Africa, the runners-up, also saw three players make the cut — captain Laura Wolvaardt, Marizanne Kapp, and Nadine de Klerk — with Wolvaardt named captain of the Team of the Tournament after smashing a record-breaking 571 runs. Australia contributed three names, while England's Ecclestone and Pakistan's Sidra Nawaz rounded off the XI.

The selection highlighted the growing depth and global competitiveness of women's cricket, with India's dominant presence underscoring their emergence as the new powerhouse of the sport.

Pak Women's Head Coach Muhammad Wasim Removed

KARACHI

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has decided to part ways with women's team head coach Muhammad Wasim after the side's poor performance in the recently concluded ICC Women's ODI World Cup. The PCB confirmed that Wasim's contract ended with the tournament's conclusion and would not be renewed as the board looks to restructure the women's setup.

Pakistan's campaign was marred by rain interruptions and underwhelming performances. Despite qualifying impressively by topping the World Cup qualifiers in Lahore earlier this year, the team finished last in the eight-team competition co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka. Led by Fatima Sana, Pakistan lost four matches while three were abandoned due to rain, failing to register a single win.

Wasim, a former Test cricketer and ex-chief selector of the men's team, was appointed head coach in 2024. His tenure, however, failed to deliver consistent results. Under his leadership, Pakistan were eliminated in the Asia Cup semi-finals and exited in the group stages of the T20 World Cup earlier this year.

Arya and Suryavanshi in Jitesh-led India A Squad

NEW DELHI

Wicketkeeper-batter Jitesh Sharma has been named captain of the India A squad for the upcoming ACC Rising Stars T20 Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Doha from November 14 to 23. Naman Dhir will serve as his deputy in a 15-member squad that features a mix of IPL talent and promising youngsters.

Among the most notable inclusions are 14-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi and explosive top-order batter Priyansh Arya, who impressed with 475 runs at a blistering strike rate of 179.24 in his debut IPL season earlier this year. Suryavanshi's selection rules him out of the ongoing Under-19 Challenger Trophy, suggesting his firm status as a frontrunner for next year's Under-19 World Cup.

The squad, picked by chief selector Ajit Agarkar and his panel, also includes Bengal wicketkeeper Abishek Porel, all-rounders Ramandeep Singh and Suryansh Shedge, and fast bowlers Vyshak Vijaykumar, Gurjapneet Singh, Yudhvir Singh, and Yash Thakur.

Harsh Dubey, a consistent performer for India A in recent months, finds a spot alongside Delhi's rising star Ashutosh Sharma. The standby list features Gurnoor Brar, Kumar Kushagra, Tanush Kotian, Sameer Rizvi, and Shaik Rasheed.

The much-anticipated India A versus Pakistan A clash will take place on November 16, marking the first men's-level meeting between the two nations since the senior Asia Cup earlier this year.

Chanu's Weight Class Axed from 2028 Olympics; To Bulk Up to 53kg

NEW DELHI

Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu will compete in a new weight category at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) dropped her current 49kg division from the Games. The 31-year-old Manipuri lifter will move up to the 53kg class — the lowest women's weight category at the 2028 event — following the International Weightlifting Federation's (IWF) latest restructuring of Olympic divisions. Chief national coach Vijay Sharma believes the shift could prove advantageous.

"This is a good thing for Mirabai because cutting her weight down to 48kg was always taxing," he told reporters, adding that she will continue competing in her existing category until the 2026 Asian Games before gradually transitioning to 53kg.

Laura Wolvaardt Tops ODI Rankings, Mandhana Slips, Rodrigues in Top-10

DUBAI

South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has claimed the No. 1 position in the latest ICC Women's ODI rankings, overtaking India's Smriti Mandhana after a stunning display in the World Cup knockout stages. Wolvaardt's back-to-back centuries in the semifinal and final powered her to 571 runs in the tournament — the highest ever in a single edition — earning her a career-best 814 rating points.

Mandhana, who held the top spot throughout the World Cup, slipped to second despite being named in the Team of the Tournament alongside Wolvaardt. India, under Harmanpreet Kaur, defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final to lift their maiden Women's World Cup trophy.

Jemimah Rodrigues was another major gainer, climbing nine places to break into the top 10 after her match-winning century against Australia in the semifinal at Navi Mumbai. Australia's Phoebe Litchfield also surged 13 spots to a career-high 13th following her hundred in the same game. Among all-rounders, India's Deepti Sharma — the World Cup's Player of the Tournament — rose to fourth, courtesy of her consistent contributions with both bat and ball, including seven wickets and crucial runs in the knockout matches.

In the bowling charts, South Africa's Marizanne Kapp climbed to second after her devastating 5/20 spell against England in the semifinal, putting pressure on top-ranked Sophie Ecclestone. Australia's Annabel Sutherland and Kim Garth also made minor gains to consolidate their places in the top 10.

KARACHI

Naqvi Unlikely to Attend ICC Meet as BCCI Raises Asia Cup Trophy Row

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) head Mohsin Naqvi is unlikely to attend the ICC Executive Board meeting in Dubai, where the BCCI plans to raise the unresolved Asia Cup trophy controversy. PCB sources cited "domestic political issues" behind Naqvi's absence, as he also serves as Pakistan's interior minister. The Asia Cup trophy remains locked at the ACC headquarters in Dubai, over a month after India's title win in September. Naqvi, who has skipped ICC meetings since Jay Shah became chairman, faces criticism for refusing to release the trophy. PCB COO Sumair Syed will represent Pakistan, while Naqvi may join remotely.

CHENNAI

Ashwin Ruled Out of BBL15 with Knee Injury; Uthappa Replaces Him

Former India off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has been ruled out of the upcoming Big Bash League (BBL15) season with Sydney Thunder after sustaining a knee injury during training in Chennai. The setback also forces him out of the Hong Kong Sixes (Nov 7–9), with Robin Uthappa named as his replacement. Ashwin, who retired from international cricket in 2024 and the IPL earlier this year, was set for his BBL debut in December. "While training in Chennai to prepare for the season, I hurt my knee. I've had a procedure, and the outcome means I'll miss BBL15," he shared on Instagram. Thunder GM Trent Copeland said the team was "devastated" but hopeful of Ashwin joining later in the season.

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